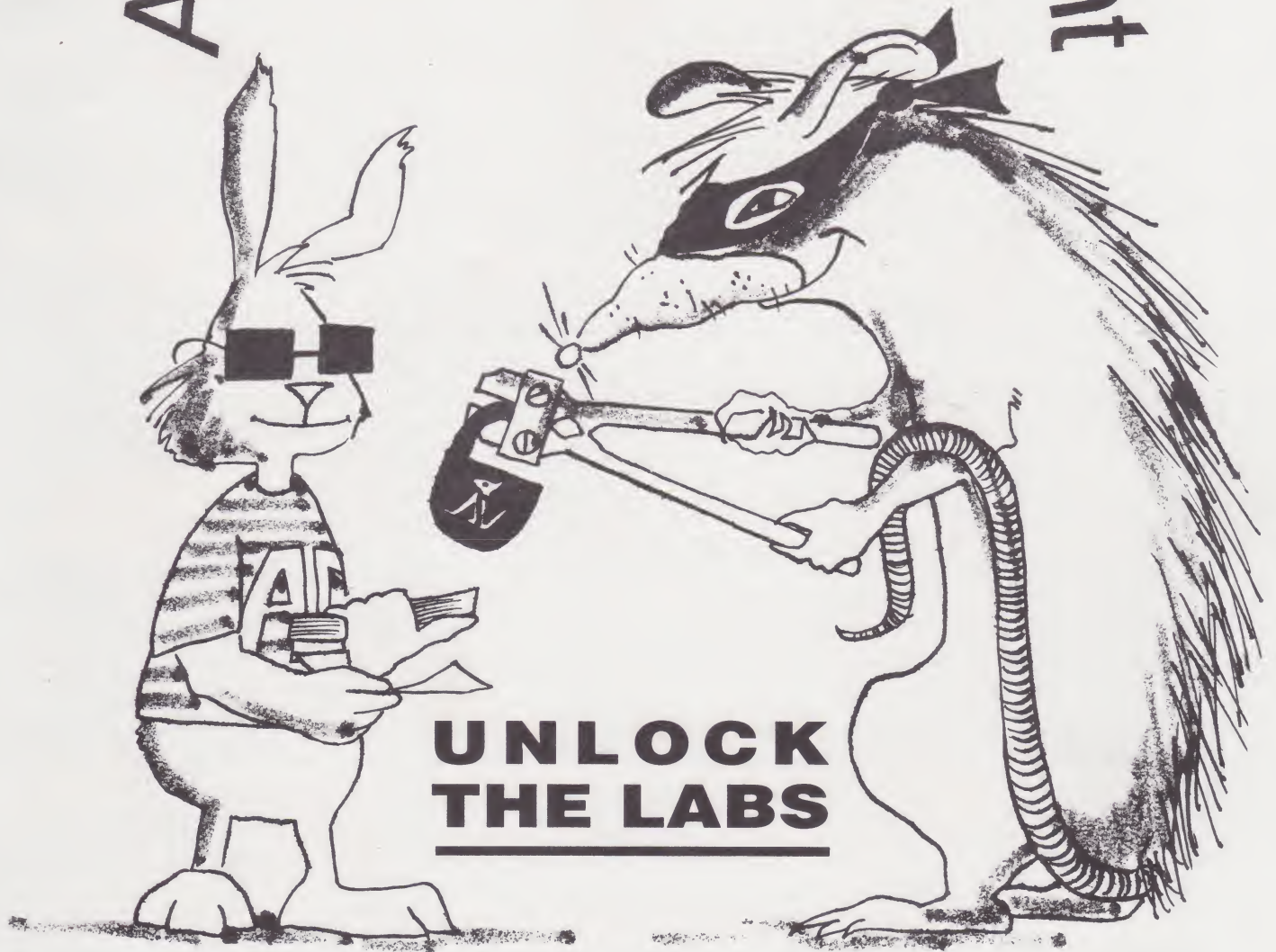


Animal Liberation Front



Supporters Group Newsletter

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COMMENT

Welcome to another edition of the ALF Supporters Group Newsletter, out on time and ready for the World Day demo in London. Some may see this as pandering to NAVS but we see World day as an important date for a number of reasons. Perhaps most important for the Supporters group as an organisation is that we distribute more newsletters on that one day than any other time of the year, giving the prisoners wider exposure and bringing us new members, secondly we sell a hell of a lot of merchandise the profits of which for the past few years have paid for the production of a newsletter. As the printing of the quarterly newsletter is our single most expensive outlay, having a single day a year which produces enough revenue to reduce that bill by one quarter is great news. Dare we say this is why we have yet again been unable to gain a stall at the 'official' organised event. Finally it gives you a chance to see some of those who run the SG, tell us what you think, ask any questions you want or just plain slag us off. We don't claim to run the SG democratically but we do listen to all who care to contact us.

As happened last year, an 'alternative' hall with stalls and events, has been planned to allow those groups not in favour with NAVS (for whatever reasons), or just too small and poor to be able to afford the £350 stall fee. We hear on the grape vine that some enlightened organisations will be at both events! All being well, with this newsletter will be a leaflet giving details of the 'alternative' hall and we urge you all to come to the World Day demo, visit both events on offer and from that perspective decide who does the most for the animals with their resources, and support them accordingly.

Again to coincide with World Day we have continued our re-vamping of our merchandise with two new T-shirts, hooded sweat shirts with the 'Support the ALF' design, a new badge and a re-styled notepad. The cover price of the newsletter has been increased to £1.50, this is because as the newsletter increases in size (48 pages compared to the 44 of the Winter edition) the printing costs are pushing up near the £1 per copy mark. This will not mean an increase in membership fees but we did feel that those who just buy the newsletter from stalls etc., should not only cover the cost of the production but also put a little back in to the organisation.

Which brings us as always to the prisoners, nine as we go to press as we have had our list increased by two, thanks to the Washington grand jury (again). The list at the back of the newsletter only has 8 addresses as one prisoner wishes to remain unlisted.

We hope you enjoy World day, meet new people and make new friends, and at the end of the day go home with the knowledge that there are a lot of other people who feel like you do, and are going to spend the time till the next World Day fighting to change things for the better, for the animals. If afterwards you feel the need to write about it, the deadline for the next newsletter is June 1st.

Animal Liberation....or else!

Inciting Times

The Supporters Group has over the years fallen foul of the law for a number of reasons but mainly we are accused of inciting others to commit illegal acts. The Supporters Groups main reason for existence (contrary to popular belief) is to support those imprisoned for their actions in the cause of animal liberation. Therefore we have been taking legal advice from a barrister on what we can and cannot do, mainly in respect to the newsletter and our other printed material.

Unfortunately the laws in this country are not laid down in way which is at all obvious or clear. Also the application of those laws are mainly due to the whim and political circumstances surrounding the individual case. For instance we cannot print a complete list of ALF actions over the past few months without a very real chance of prosecution, whereas if the Sun newspaper did exactly the same piece they could do so without fear of prosecution. This is because we would be considered to be printing such information to incite others to commit such acts, whereas the Sun would only be doing so to inform the public. There is clearly no logic to this but those are the constraints we are working under.

Other examples of existing publications are; 'The Anarchist Cookbook', 'Poor Man's James Bond' (three volumes) and 'The Black Book of Revenge'. All give detailed instructions on making incendiary devices, explosives and improvised weapons but to our knowledge no prosecutions have resulted. The booklets 'Interviews with ALF activists' and 'Into the 90's with the ALF' also include details of making incendiary devices, and both have been the subject of court cases. Their failing was in addressing the animal liberation movement not in their contents.

Many of you will have heard of the anarchist organisation 'Class War', whose magazine of the same name urges its readers to violent revolt against the state, in general and particularly against the police, serialising a number of photos of injured policemen and presenting such events as a good thing to be applauded. Again there have been no prosecutions, but we are under no illusions that if we urged people to attack huntsman, vivisectors, butchers etc., or to attack their property we would soon find ourselves in the dock facing incitement charges.

The truth of the matter lies not with the actual events urged or what they are inciting others to do but on the past record of events. 'Class War' can urge its readership to burn down police stations and the Houses of Commons to their hearts content, but the establishment knows that this is an event unlikely to occur even on a small scale. Whereas if we urge our readers to raid a laboratory or smash animal abusers windows then these events are very likely to happen. It does happen without our urging time and time again, and because it does we cannot print the truth about it because it would incite or encourage more similar actions, or so the thinking must go. We are put in this position by the successes of the ALF and the direct action movement in general. It is ludicrous but true that because it happens we can't write about it, but if it was a slim possibility we could write what we liked!

Our newsletters are now being checked by a barrister before publication for any items or even sentences which could cause a prosecution. Even this is not a sure fire way of avoiding prosecution. We could very well have a piece passed by our barrister only to still be prosecuted, such are the vagaries of the law.

Even the fact that we are trying to remain within the law by having the newsletter checked is no defence (except perhaps in mitigation). Ideally we would have liked a full blown judge to check our newsletter, not wanting the SG to have to go through yet another court case, but they are banned from giving such legal advice.

The most recent advice is that the articles written by the Press Office and press releases from the ALF and other groups are of the most dubious nature (in legal terms). Nearly all press releases we will not be able to print, and if you notice a change in format and content of Press Office articles this will be why. We hope to be able to keep the content of the newsletter as interesting as possible within these constraints, but would like to apologise in advance to those whose articles we will be forced to only partially print, or completely omit.

No matter what we print, the truth will still remain the same, and every prisoner unfortunately imprisoned will be a testament to the force that is the Animal Liberation Front.

Making a Will?

If you would like to leave the ALF Supporters Group something in your will the following words are suggested:

I bequeath to the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group, presently at BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, the sum of _____, and declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised officer of the said Society shall be good and sufficient discharge of such legacy.

If you are considering leaving property or land we would suggest that you consult your solicitor.

Under Paid & Over Here

Environmental Travel, based in New York, plan to bring 200 Vegan/vegetarian/animal rights people to the UK this June. The visitors will be in London from Thursday 9th June until Thursday 14th, before travelling all over the UK until the 18th.

To maximise opportunities for liaison and communication of ideas between the American visitors and their UK counterparts, Veggies of Nottingham's Rainbow centre, are compiling a special Animal Rights calendar, and urge you to send details of any activities in your area that could be of attended by a small party of the visitors. This could include taste-ins, pickets, demos, cookery evenings, talks, hunt sabs, video shows or absolutely any event, large or small being held between 9th and 18th June.

You are particularly welcome to join a party of the visitors for a Vegan meal in the London area, to be hosted by various UK groups, between 9th and 13th June. Just phone for details. You might also like to offer a night's accommodation to a couple of visitors, or simply be available to be contacted by any that pass through your area, giving them the opportunity to meet with a wide range of campaigners in the UK.

If you would like to be involved in any way with this project, or have any other ideas to offer, contact: Veggies (UK/USA Liaison), Rainbow centre, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW or phone 0602 58566 or Environmental Travel: USA phone/fax 010 1718 263 6524.

THERE'S A TIME TO LAUGH A TIME TO CRY

It's sometimes so easy to say the words 'Animal Liberation', to talk of 'the struggle', and discuss 'this tactic' and 'that tactic', or ask questions like 'what is wrong with our movement - where are we going?!' We have to remind ourselves what it is really about, and that is animal suffering and death. Think of your worst nightmare and it's happening to animals now. The ugly and simple truth is that we live in a very cruel world where the short-sighted greed of the few means that most people in the world struggle to survive (with many facing starvation); the planet's fragile ecosystems are being polluted and altered at a rate where we are facing extreme problems soon; and animals are treated as disposable items of no worth. I think it's only natural to cry at animal abuse; does not an animal having it's throat cut in a slaughterhouse, or a laboratory monkey having "crap" tattooed on it's forehead make you cry?

Wanting to do something to stop these things, and then doing it, is animal liberation. That's all there is to it really. But it won't happen by itself overnight; we can only stop animal suffering if we work together in whatever ways necessary. People often write to me asking if there's anything they can do for me; and they can make my time easier with letters of support. But by far the most important thing you can do, is work as much as you personally feel able to do for animals. I'm not going to guilt-trip people; we achieve as much as we work for, a simple equation.

We don't have to live and breathe animal liberation to stop animal abuse, or constantly bear the weight of the world's problems on our shoulders. As individuals we can only do so much. But neither is there anything special about people who have come to prison. I'm not courageous or brave, or skilled or trained. Animal Liberation 'activists' have just done what they think is right; no more than they hope others would do. Just as we wouldn't stand back if our families were herded into concentration camps, neither will we stand back while animals are killed.

No-one is alone in caring for animals and the world around us: more and more people are working for a change. Everything we do has a ripple effect, from simply being Vegan and seeing friends also becoming Vegan, all the way to direct action. We can smile about the increasing effect we are having, and there are plenty of successes to be happy about.

Let's not get too depressed about how bad things are, but do as much as possible to change it, and remember how well we're doing. It's in our hands, so let's go for it.

Good luck, and love,

Max Watson

AND A TIME TO TAKE ACTION!

JUSTICE FOR THE ANIMALS?

We have received a number of articles on the Justice Department, the ones printed and the report from the press office are the only three our legal advisor informed us we could print without fear of incitement charges, one of them has been heavily doctored. For the record we received four others, **all in favour** of the Justice Department but if they had been printed with the offending words taken out would have made little to no sense. We apologise unreservedly to the authors and thank them for taking the effort to write in.

In reply to this "Justice Department". Do you not realise the consequences of your actions, that you are making martyrs of all animal abusers? Believe me, I don't care about any animal abusers, they are the lowest of the low, but these actions are the quickest way to put the public against us. If or when you seriously hurt someone then you might as well say good-bye to this movement. Can you imagine what peoples reaction would be to us that do stalls etc. Aggro/hostile, maybe even stalls etc. would be outlawed. You must realise the power these animal abusers have got! Don't you realise that the animal abusers love all this adverse publicity. The movement is split enough without all these bombings going on. I for one will have nothing to do with this movement when someone gets hurt or worse. Please think carefully what you are doing, it is so senseless. Do you do not think that the public think you are the same as the IRA, if you agree with the IRA then you are in the wrong movement.

From someone who does love animals more than people, can you say the same when you are bringing the downfall of this movement or is that it, are you infiltrators who do want an end to this movement?

ANON

The Justice Department justify their actions on the assumption that should animals be able to defend themselves there would be a lot of dead animal abusers. This is an assumption no doubt based on the fact that non-human animals like us are sentient creatures able to feel pain and suffer, and like us they react in a defensive and retaliatory way against any threat of physical violence because of it.

But is this an accurate assumption? I believe it is not only accurate, but certain. Borne from empirical methods backed up by scientific fact. You only have to observe non-humans to know that in the above scenario they attempt to do exactly what we are able to do when they are aggressively confronted by human-animals. When they are attacked by they own species they are capable and willing to fight to the death for self-preservation. If we observe a weaker member of our own species being attacked by a stronger member we would intervene, so why should we not do the same on behalf of another weaker species?

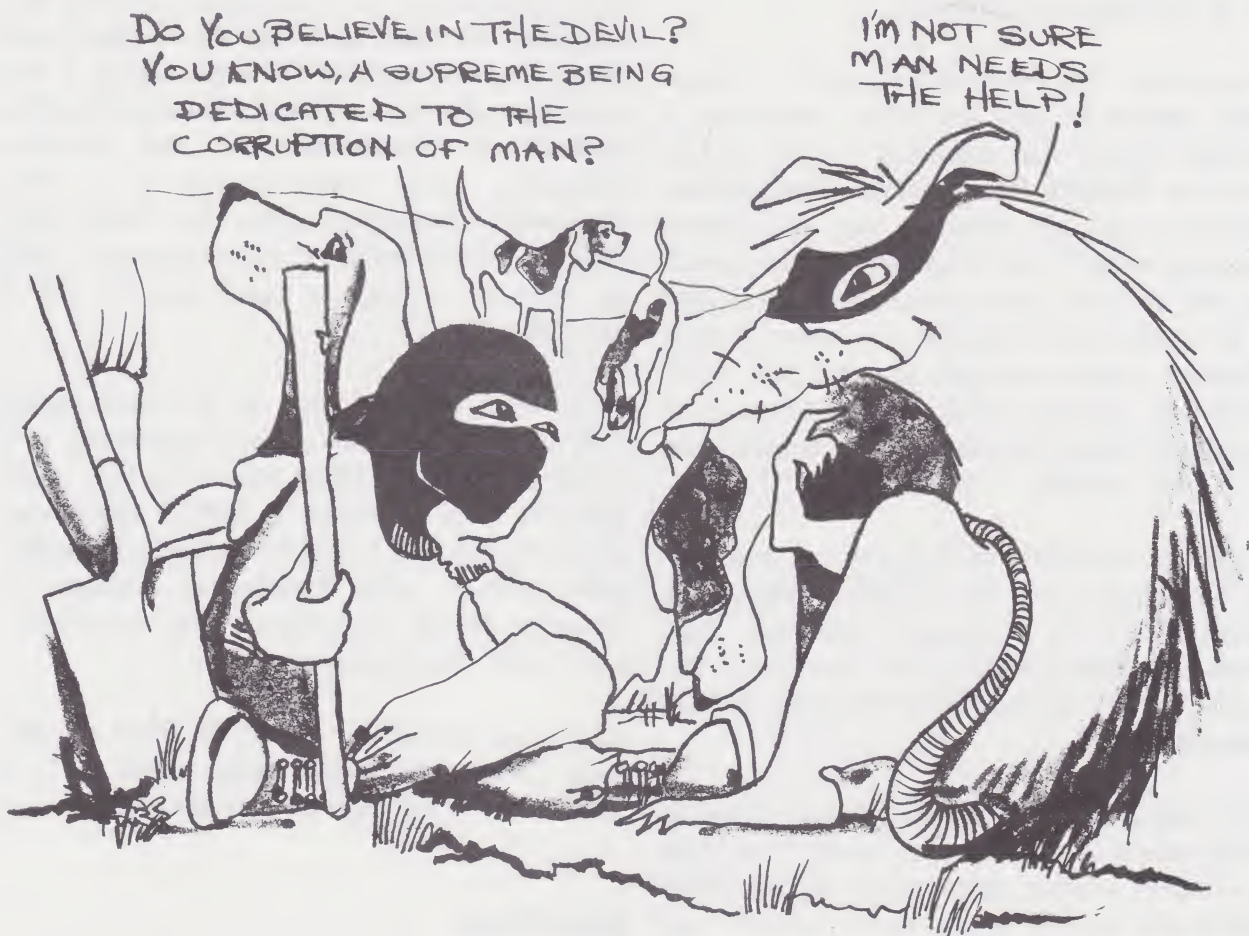
If ones philosophy enshrines the dictum that all life is sacrosanct then surely to deliberately take

the life of a non-human animal is wrong? If one is convinced though that by taking the lives of some human-animals it would save the lives of our non-human brothers and sisters that would sequentially bring about animal liberation, would the ends justify the means?

Many moons ago human-animal abusers of non-human animals in all sincerity could plead ignorance, but not today. Their only form of defence is greed, no defence at all! After 170 years of legally campaigning against all form of animal abuse we have seen an increase. The human-animal abusers of non-human animals know exactly what they are doing and why they are doing it. They enjoy it, it is profitable and a very cheap and easy way of making a living.

David Hammond

Note: David's article had another paragraph and half on the end of what is printed, which was removed on the advice of our barrister and with David's knowledge and agreement.



JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: UPDATE 1

(A report from the press office)

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, including my "News from the Press office", I can't give details of activities which, in other publications, would be quite admissible as news contributions. Looking back at articles on a certain subject...can you really be surprised at people using expletives? As a member of the National Union of Journalists I should be able to write what I like so long as it's true. Is it any wonder that I sit at this typewriter thinking "Fuck it!" when I'm not allowed to do my job?

Anyway, that's probably the first time any of you have heard or read of me swearing in public; but what can you expect?

On to the Justice Department...

"News from the Press office" in the Autumn 1993 edition of this newsletter mentioned a package which had exploded in the sorting office at Watford, Hertfordshire. That incident happened on 6th October and the Justice Department have since claimed that the device, together with six others which were intercepted at the same time, was the first wave of their offensive against animal abusers. All seven video-type devices had been addressed to prominent bloodsports supporters including the UK's only matador.

In the last newsletter my introductory report on the JD which gives an account of the device discovered in a customer's purchase from Boots in Liskeard should have mentioned that another device detonated the same day in their Bodmin store.

Also, the same day that a device was delivered to the home of a director of Noble Furs (30th November) another parcel bomb despatched to a different director of the same company was made safe but not reported by either the media or the police.

Since then, three hoax video-type devices were sent on 2nd February to bloodsports supporters associated with the Enfield Chace; Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray and the Hertfordshire South Beagles hunts. A quite straightforward reason was given by the Justice Department for sending hoaxes: "Operative devices won't get through to even the dumbest just now"!!

At the time of writing, the latest devices despatched by the Justice Department on 16th February were of yet another new design.

As reported in the newspapers devices based on powerful metal mousetraps, were sent to targets in or responsible for vivisection, including the managing directors of Boots the Chemist and Boots pharmaceuticals. On legal advice I am unable to offer further description regarding the content or construction of the devices. Strangely, apart from reports in a few provincial newspapers, there has been very little media coverage of these activities. You are probably asking the same question that I am..."Why?".

From what we have seen so far there seems little likelihood that the Justice Department is a "flash in the pan" There have been four quite different types of device so far: 14 video-type parcel bombs plus a further 3 hoaxes; 13 poster tubes primed with hypodermic needles; 4 powerful timed incendiaries; 10 mousetrap-style booby trap packages.

At my age it reminds me of the Elvis Presley song "What now, what next, where to?". I suppose we'll just have to wait and see...

Robin Webb

Anthony Miller

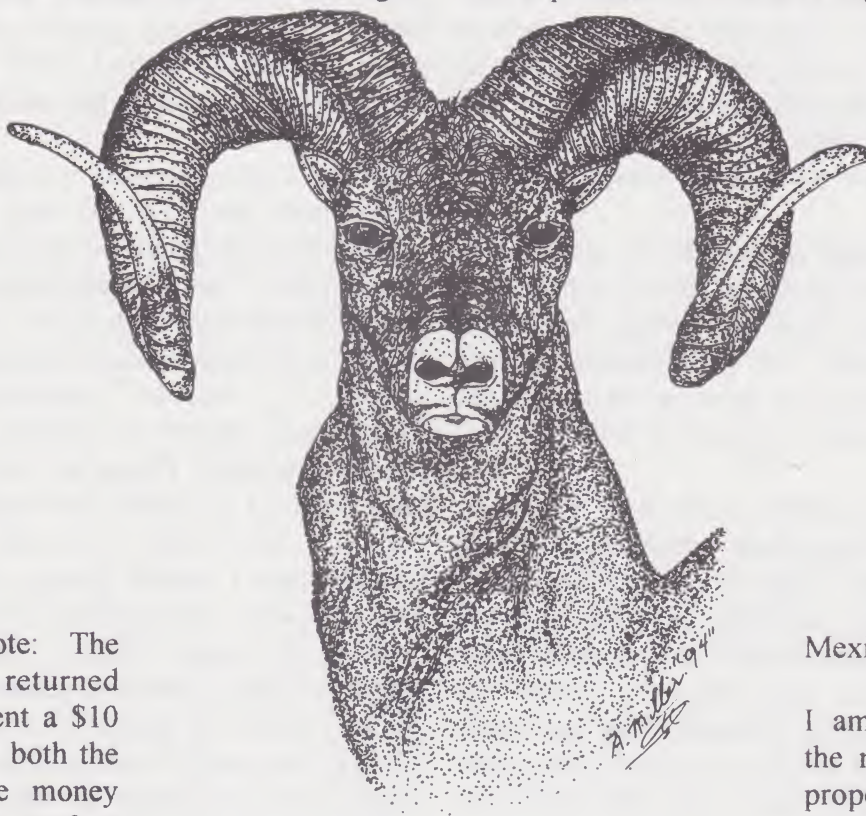
I want to write to the SG and wish everyone a Happy New year, and I hope that this New year provides each and everyone a personal victory in animal liberation.

I just learned today that about a week ago a letter which was sent to me from the ALF SG was returned by the prison mail room here. I only discovered this after my persistence to the mail room inquiring of mail being held up [Note: The letter was returned because we sent a \$10 bill in with it, both the letter and the money was returned surface

mail and took over a month to get back to the SG]. Please do not let any returned mail by these people discourage ALF SG supporters from sending me the letters or magazines. I have currently secured the services of a attorney who is legally monitoring the mail room on my behalf. I have been plagued with problems from the prison administration in censoring my mail both incoming, and out going. My mail has been routinely opened and inspected and photocopied. Efforts to keep me

from publishing my bi-monthly newsletter have also been used against me by the prison administration. I am therefore seeking a court order from the courts disallowing the censorship of my mail by the prison. If anyone has a problem with mail being returned in the

future from the prison, please contact the attorney who is helping me put an end to this harassment. The address is: Mark Donnettelli Attorney at law, PO Box 8180, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502, USA



I am trying to keep the mail room in its proper perspective, so please keep

sending me letters and magazines etc. We can't allow these prison fascists to discourage our communications. If we let obstacles be placed in our way by the uncaring, to hinder our fight for liberation, then we let a part of ourselves become suppressed, and with it we allow ourselves to be controlled by the uncaring. The mail room has now allowed me to use the international reply coupons in light of the fact that I am the biggest consumer of postal fees in the entire department of New Mexico

In the belly of the beast

Correction! Also I am now allowed [American] stamps as long as they are affixed to an envelope with senders name and address.

Another problem I have is the constant butting of heads with the prison administration over the use of the photo copier machine. I have to make a formal request to the Warden to make any copies and "patiently" await permission to use the machine. Then I am charged an outlandish 25 cents a copy. I realise fully that all the "red tape" is an effort by the prison to discourage me in any and every attempt to continue my animal liberation efforts. But one of these days they'll grow tired of my persistence and let me have my way.

I have encountered roadblocks in receiving a Vegan diet from the prison and to supplement my diet I have been gardening vegetables during the Summer. The prison gives me half an acre of land to grow them on but the guards are allowed to raid my produce at will.

I am currently in another battle with the prison administration concerning receiving cosmetic items in the mail. They think that since they offer soap and toiletries in the inmates commissary, I should therefore purchase these items from them. They refuse to accept my reasoning for wanting cosmetics that have been produced without cruelty to animals and which are environmentally safe to use. But I am glad to say they have now agreed to support me in a Vegan diet and commence with a plan to help me in receiving animal free products etc. It will take some time to iron out the details of the procedure but they are now willing to recognise my rights.

It seems that the flow of letters from supporters all over the world has given the prison administration no choice but to act in accordance with my constitutional rights to peruse my beliefs and health idealism. Thank you for all your letters of support on this most critical issue. The Vegan Society in particular have helped me win a victory in getting the administration set straight in my quest for quality of life. Thank you everyone.

I have a much better understanding of the Justice Department workings after having read recent articles in the SG newsletter and from letters from supporters. I rather like to think of this group as the **EQUALISERS** for animals.

I am returning the Vegan footwear catalogue with the selection I have made as they have agreed to let these items be sent in. Let me remind you that this prison is very behind the times and I am considered a radical pain in the butt. But I stand my ground and never back down, especially when I know I am right! I will keep you posted on the progress I make.

I can say I have received wonderful supportive letters from the ALF SG and the newsletter which I have read and re-read cover to cover at least 6 times. I am also receiving lots of letters that have kept my spirits high. Letters from the UK are a life line for me. I recently was able to sell my TV because I savoured my activist friends over television viewing. I needed the funds for postage. Please let me tell you that I have received so much mail support mail from the ALF SG in the UK, and from Ireland recently that I cannot simply keep up, but I love it! I write replies to each and every letter I receive. If anyone hasn't received a letter please be patient you will receive a letter from me very soon. I'm getting on average 20 letters a week, one week it got as high as 27. Just so people know it seems to take two to three weeks for letters to reach me.

About 50 of my letters are floating around the Earthquake ridden city of Los Angeles. As soon as the United States Postal service can locate the missing parcels they will be sent Federal Express I have been promised.

I have received the book 'Slaughter of the Innocent' you sent along with the Christmas cards, and I send my many thanks. The book is excellent, and I haven't been able to put it down. It was an emotional roller coaster and made me very angry at medical experimenters & large corporate companies. Lets chew 'em up and spit in their eyes after we've stomped on them. I can't begin to express the

compassion this book as a whole has brought forth for our animal friends, and the stupidity of the human medical sector.

I recently received a new AM/FM stereo cassette player from an anonymous donor from Orlando, Florida. I have no idea who sent it. A note attached said "In love of animal liberation". It's a mystery to me but much appreciated.

I have sent you my court papers so you can see

was only half solved, as the others got away Scot free--YES!!

I have rescinded the move to another institution and have elected to remain in the Santa Fe prison system after entering into Interstate Compact Agreement with the state of Nebraska. My prison sentence of 5 years for the New Mexico Department of Correction will be over on March 29th, 1994. At that time, N.M. will be the acting custodians of my completing the Nebraska sentence of 6 to 10



Anthony taking a break from his busy schedule of animal liberation projects and straightening up the American prison system. PHOTO: Anthony Miller.

the havoc I caused. Because of various charges you will see that overall the 6 to 10 years was not as devastating as what could have been 131 total years maximum. In the United States, individual States tend to be more severe in handing out punishment. In my case, the county attorneys stated I was "a one man destruction team". Also being how it was obvious that I couldn't possibly have done so much by myself, the authorities are still seeking my accomplice, of whom they have no clue or idea. That's okay, let 'em suffer! It has been said that 90% of cases are won by informants for the police, this is one case that

years for the offences in Nebraska...about three and a half years remain. I have received news that I will be given parole consideration in one and a half years provided I stay out of trouble and continue the progress I have been making. So it might appear that the parole administrators are taking note of the convictions that I have to the animal rights movement and they are not trying to discourage me as they once were. Could this be due to the supportive letters that I have been receiving? When my parole date is a reality I will be asking for letters of support to the Nebraska authorities in support of parole. I will also need

to hire an attorney out of the state of Oklahoma. I will have to complete any parole in the United States, but once I am free of that I will be re-locating to the UK to join my brethren in the fight for animal liberation.

I have recently received a notice from the parole board that New Mexico has granted me an early parole to my Nebraska Sentence. Which means I am on parole while still imprisoned..ha! Now that is a first, if I've ever heard one. This means that I will definitely be paroled on the Nebraska sentence when I become eligible on the ten years in one and a half years.

I have also been afforded minimum security which means I would be in a less secure environment, but I choose to forfeit this custody rating as I would not be able to structure my time efficiently as I am now able to do. I have a single man cell (called a Cadillac) which lets me concentrate on A/R

activities. In short, I wouldn't give up this position for anything short of total freedom. It's only the minor inconvenience of mobility which I find myself in. I won't let the bastards grind me down!!!

I will enclose a copy of an ink drawing of a mountain goat, the original was made as a donation to a local animal activists group and is to be used for a raffle to help raise funds. I was having trouble getting it finished in time as I couldn't get hold of.; ink. I went off to lunch that day mumbling and grumbling and just plain being miserable. But lo and behold, I return to my cell and I see two guards "admiring" ALF posters they have laid on my bed...yes! At first I thought I had stepped into a fairy tale, because there was also black gold ink on my bunk bed and I jumped up and down like a kid at Christmas, especially when I spotted the most beautiful set of fine art pens in the world, and pencils! That had to be the highlight of my life, thank you ALF SG. I completed the raffle drawing and met my

No matter how you spell it...

bacon	pastrami	ham	steak	meat loaf
bologna	pepperoni	hamburger	veal	meatballs
beef	roast	hotdog	wieners	mutton
big mac	sausage	kidney	bacon	pastrami
chicken	"spare"	kobassa	bologna	pepperoni
chucksteak	ribs	liver	beef	roast
ham	steak	meat loaf	big mac	sausage
hamburger	veal	meatballs	chicken	"spare"
hot-dog	wieners	mutton	chucksteak	ribs
kidney	bacon	pastrami	ham	steak
kobassa	bologna	pepperoni	hamburger	veal
liver	beef	roast	hotdog	wieners
meat loaf	big mac	sausage	kidney	bacon
meatballs	chicken	"spare"	kobassa	bologna
mutton	chucksteak	ribs	liver	beef

IT'S MURDER

commitment to the animal rights group. I now have all these wonderful ALF posters displayed proudly on my walls, words cannot describe how much it all means to me, thank you. I have proudly let everyone know that the ALF SG stands behind any and all animal liberationists and you have my total commitment and support.

Many people have written offering monetary support. I have been asking each person who offers to send money not to do so directly but to donate funds to the ALF SG, as it will be much easier to handle the money that way and is less complicated as a whole.

You won't believe this but a guard (screw) stole my only issue of the current ALF SG newsletter. In effect our keepers are really corrupt in the US prison system in New Mexico. Could you please send me another? I know it is costly, perhaps this is why the guard stole it.

Thank you for the subscription to Arkangel and the cheque which arrived in the nick of time. I owed almost \$7.00 in extended credit. The cheque received is very welcome and a great relief. The typewriter has also arrived but I have had to wait several weeks to take possession of it, plus I had to give up my old bucket of bolts before I received it. The new one is a Rolls Royce of typewriters, a brother, AX-400 Electronic Typewriter. I have been so overwhelmed by this much needed battle axe for supporting and protecting our animal friends. Everyone in the ALF SG has literally made my prison time so much easier to cope with, I can't begin to thank all of you enough. I will someday be able to meet each of you face to face and express my thanks.

I am hoping on being interviewed by the KOAT-TV channel 7 news team. I am campaigning for a mother dog's life to be spared in the city of Albq., N.M. from the hands of a blood thirsty court of law. It appears this mother animal was taken to trial by the courts in Albq. after protecting her new born babies from strangers (early morning joggers

who stopped to interfere with the birth of her pups). Needless to say, instinct took over, and a vicious attack by this Rothwieller dog proceeded to rip the jogger into submission. Because the owner did not have the dog licensed, on a leash, or fenced in, the courts are condemning the dog to death at the express request of the jogger (male) who was attacked. Grant it the owners were responsible but whose fault is this? Surely not the animals? I have thus far made a formal appeal to the courts as a liaison supporter for the dog and have tried to stop the execution of this animal in two weeks. They are giving the mother time to wean her babies before the court puts her to death. The dog is being held in the Bernalillo county jail under the guarded eyes of the police!

My appeal is for the dog to be spared and I hope to be on television soon, wish me luck in this appeal.

In New Mexico we don't call guards 'screws' we call them AQUA'S, which means water in Spanish. The idea is that water seeps into cracks and crevices where it is unwelcome, so the 'man' comes around and everybody announces his 'screw' presence by shouting 'Aqua!'. New Mexicans are direct descendants of the Old Mexico people and the United States took possession of new Mexico during the Spanish-American revolution in the mid 1800's. Many of the Old Mexico cultures prevail in the region in which I am imprisoned. It has been a cultural learning experience for me at best. At first being a white boy from another state (Virginia), I was given a quite hard time of being accepted into the prison. I more or less had to prove myself to the Spanish/Mexican American inmates the first few years of my incarceration. A lot of physical confrontations and knife fights were common and I was stabbed once in my careless manoeuvring during a confrontation, but since I did not grass (snitch) nor report my injury to authorities, I have become a so called solid "weddle" - white warrior. Keep in mind that Santa Fe prison is one of the most violent in the United States and has a history of the bloodiest prison riot of the 1980's world wide. I no

longer have any confrontations or fear threats of violence as I have proved myself and the Mexican Mafia have taken me under their wings while I am in prison. I am not a member of the Mafia standing, I am only respected among the prisoners of the Spanish decent. Since the prison population is largely 95% Spanish, I have no concerns for my well being. I also help families of prisoners in airing their grievances of prison injustices to the American Corrections Standards board, which is a organisation the U.S. has for over-seeing prison standards and conditions. Santa Fe has four prisons within the immediate area and we all share the same address.

I have rambled on long enough. Thank you SG, we must never give up the fight.

In love and Liberation for animal rights...

ANTHONY MILLER

The preceding article has been complied (with Anthony's permission) from the letters we have received from him since the last newsletter. Since then we have heard that Anthony has received the Vegan footwear he requested us to purchase for him, and he is also getting a great deal more support from within America.

The American animal rights group, Last Chance for Animals (address is printed in the back of the newsletter) has not only sent Anthony money but also have bought him a TV to replace the one he sold to pay for postage. They have also agreed to take any letters he writes for supporters in the UK and forward them to us so we can then post them on to the relevant people. This will add a few days to the mailing time but means that Anthony will not have to pay the overseas rates for postage, just the internal rate. We would like to express out thanks to Last Chance for Animals for their compassion and support for Anthony, a much needed lesson could be learnt by some

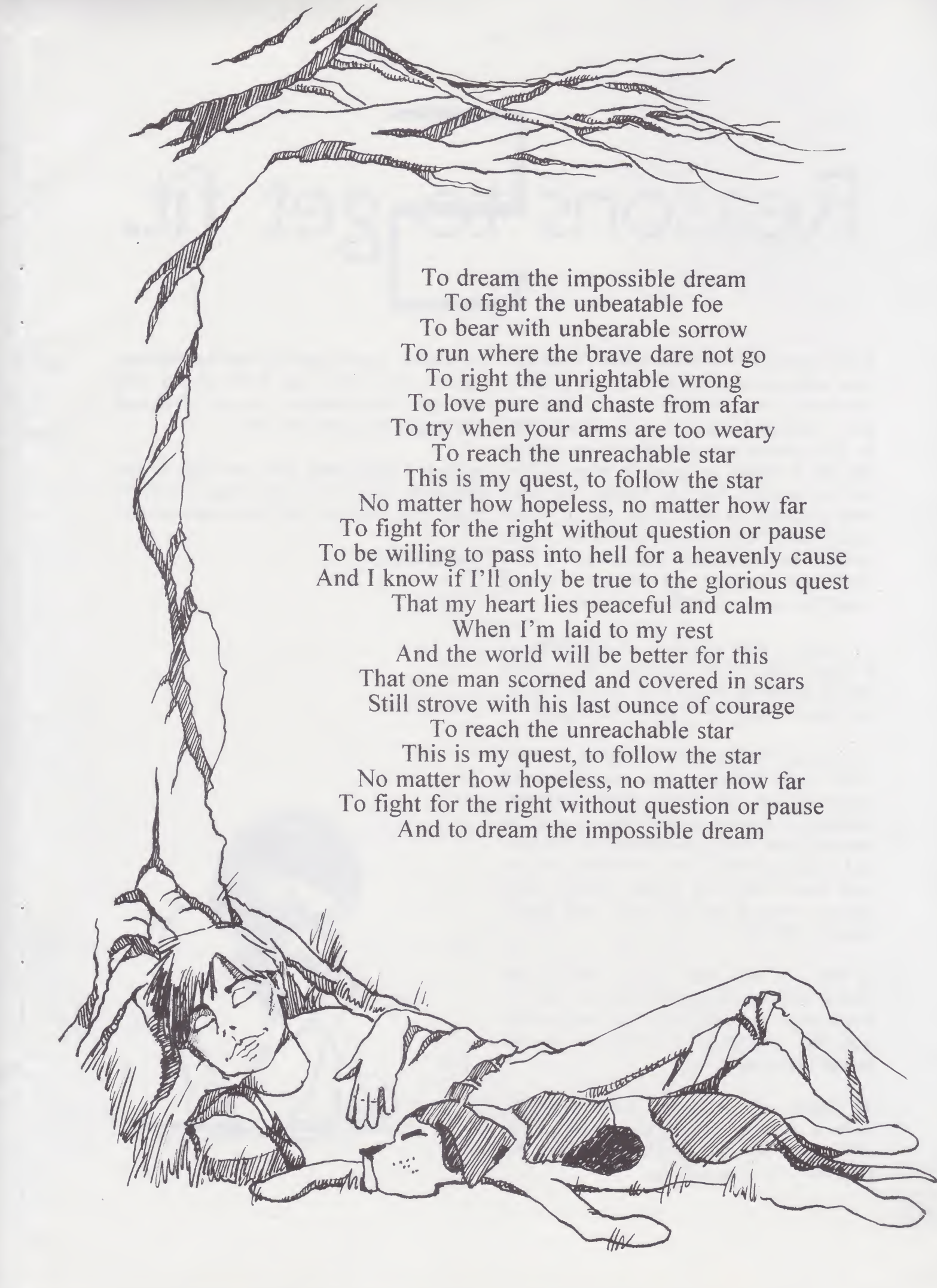
of our 'National' societies by their exemplary behaviour.

More importantly in a phone call from Anthony (he can make reverse charges calls from his cell!) on the eve of the preperation of this newsletter, he informed us that he had been in solitary confinement for a number of days because his cell had been turned over, along with other inmates cells. He had refused the guards access for a short time while he burnt correspondence he had received from supporters, which he believed they were after. Shortly after his release from solitary confinement he was informed that he was too much trouble for the prison to cope with, and accordingly had been granted parole. He is expecting to be released sometime in July, all being well.

Too Many

The statistics for "Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain in 1992" were finally published by the Home Office in October. They reveal that 2,928,258 (too many) experiments took place in 1992. This means that there has been a 9% drop since the 1991. A drop which is still far too slow and in fact may point to a tendency to level off at this figure.

A wider range of animals are also being used with 530 more primates, 200 more horses and largest increase with fish, up by 6,200. The use of gerbils was up by 5,800, amphibians by 3,900 and an increase in the use of sheep and cattle. One fifth of these experiments were undertaken to meet legal requirements!



To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with unbearable sorrow
To run where the brave dare not go
To right the unrightable wrong
To love pure and chaste from afar
To try when your arms are too weary
To reach the unreachable star
This is my quest, to follow the star
No matter how hopeless, no matter how far
To fight for the right without question or pause
To be willing to pass into hell for a heavenly cause
And I know if I'll only be true to the glorious quest
That my heart lies peaceful and calm
When I'm laid to my rest
And the world will be better for this
That one man scorned and covered in scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage
To reach the unreachable star
This is my quest, to follow the star
No matter how hopeless, no matter how far
To fight for the right without question or pause
And to dream the impossible dream

Reasons to get fit.

Since arriving in one of her majesty's hotels, I have attempted to keep as busy as possible. One of my main activities is going down the gym. Although I wasn't a wreck when I came in, I've realised just how unfit I was, modern day life is totally unnatural in terms of how little we exercise. For three months now, apart from a couple of short gaps due to winter colds, I have been generally getting fit, weight training and exercising. Reflecting on how much fitter, stronger and healthier I feel, I would like to pass on some suggestions:

1) It helps a great deal to be fit and healthy as a Vegan, when trying to persuade other people that by becoming Vegan you don't drop dead, but should actually be healthier than before!

2) They say 'healthy in body, healthy in mind'. When you exercise you release natural chemicals into your blood stream and brain, producing a positive feeling. When you get fit, you feel good about yourself most of the time, and a positive attitude will enable all of us to cope much better with general stresses which we are bound to endure in our work against animal suffering.

3) You can cope better against illnesses and disease with a fit body, and are more likely to live a longer and more active life. Surely we all want that, whether we are using our time for animal liberation or not.

4) Getting fit, preferably along with self-defence, is becoming a necessity with the risk of violence not only in our daily lives, but especially while out sabbing.

5) Whether you're working hard campaigning; running over fences and fields all day long sabbing; - in fact whatever you do, I think what I'm suggesting speaks for itself.

It doesn't take much time each day to start getting fit, and if we're all going to take the work ahead seriously, then I can recommend it.

Max Watson



News from the Press Office

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

You will probably find this article to be a little different from my usual style; you will have read elsewhere in this newsletter the reasons why this has to be.

When I was an elevated member of the RSPCA's national council, or if I was spokesperson for some unique political grouping, I could stand up and say I thought badger baiters or vivisectioners should be shot and get away with it quite easily. Why? Because the State would know that it was empty rhetoric and no real threat existed.

If, as ALF press officer, I want to do a list of windows that have been broken at various branches of Boots or Ladbroke's or your local butcher's shop then I could be charged with incitement. Why? because the State perceives that the ALF poses a very real threat to animal abuse, it has put animal abusers out of business and it means what it says.

It really doesn't matter if I go to prison or not; as I've said before, you can imprison individuals but you cannot imprison an ideal. However, articles that I and other people write for the SG Newsletter can also reflect on the SG. Neither I nor the SG want to be responsible for giving the State an excuse to close down what is a very effective prisoner support organisation.

Yes, I would love to write a proper "Diary of Actions". Yes, I know you would love to read it. But I'm sure you appreciate that activists who are caught need real and unwavering support; and I'm sure you'll agree that the continuation of that support is more important than a one-off "good read". Anyway, you don't need me to tell you everything that's going on, don't you just know it's happening?

HAPPY EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY TO THE ALF!

Here we are in 1994 and, believe it or not, this is the year that the Animal Liberation Front celebrates its coming-of-age... eighteen years since being renamed from the Band of Mercy whose actions against bloodsports in 1972 escalated to arson attacks against seal culling boats and pharmaceutical laboratories late in 1973 and evolved into the ALF during 1976.

The past eighteen years have seen a lot of the ALF...so have a lot of rescued animals. Those years have also seen the rise and fall of the various Animal Liberation Leagues, the on-off-on actions of the Hunt retribution Squad and Animal Rights Militia, actions which nowadays seem to be more on than off; and finally into the 1990's to witness the birth of the Justice Department.

During all those years the Animal Liberation Front has remained faithful to its oft-stated policy of non-violent direct action. No human has ever been killed or seriously injured by Band of Mercy or ALF activists, despite the nightmare visions of animal abuse that drive them to be "compassionate commandos". It was the Observer magazine for 12th July 1992 that pointed out "it is a strange sort of terrorist campaign, to say the least, that is waged for 20 years without killing anybody". If only the critics who are allegedly on our side would accept that unbiased opinion!

WATCH OUT FOR LITTER BOMBS...

No, it's not a typing error. In my article for Autumn 1993 SG Newsletter I closed with the latest report of a Glaxo employee having had her home done with red paint and glass etching fluid.

Shortly after that the employee, a public relations executive for Glaxo of Stevenage, received a parcel which was allegedly a bomb. The street in which she lived was evacuated for 200 metres and the package made safe by the bomb disposal squad using a controlled explosion.

It turned out to be the first true litter bomb sent by the Animal Rights Militia...a parcel full of cat litter!! Under the circumstances Hertfordshire police haven't been pussy-footed around; Niel Hansen and Tracey Stephenson have been charged with conspiracy to threaten to kill and conspiracy to commit criminal damage. No charges have yet been brought against the bomb disposal squad for depositing litter.

WICKHAM REVISITED

It will be 10 years ago this October since the South East Animal Liberation League's raids on Wickham Laboratories which resulted in the trail of the "Wickham 19". During the intervening years they haven't been forgotten with both lawful and unlawful activities ranged against them on a regular basis.

The most recent were in the early hours of Friday 17th February when three cars standing outside Wickham research Laboratories had their windscreens sprayed with glass etching fluid. At about the same time black paint was poured over a speedboat standing outside the cottage at Garetmar Kennels (formerly the notorious Cottagepatch).

CONTAMINATION CLAIM CONCEALED - AGAIN!-

My press office news for the Winter 93/94 edition of this newsletter carried a report about contamination of Bernard Matthews products and how that story had been suppressed by the media.

Late last year and early this year I was speaking to the press quite a lot about the

Justice Department and took the opportunity to mention a number of examples where stories had been hushed up. One example I gave to the Observer newspaper was the Bernard Matthews incident. The journalist was very interested so I gave him all the details. Early on the Saturday evening before publication I received a telephone call from the journalist concerned telling me that he had done a story about the Research Defence Society writing to the Home Secretary about "extreme animal rights groups" and that he had included the Bernard Matthews contamination cover-up as part of the article. It had been "subbed" (sub-edited) and fitted the page so there would have been no need to change it.

Next day, Sunday, the article duly appeared in the Observer but there was no mention of the Bernard Matthews incident...I leave you to form your own conclusion.

WATERLOO CUP MEETS ITS WATERLOO

This year's Waterloo Cup hare-murdering extravaganza was happily cancelled (at least, the hares and I were happy!) due to adverse weather conditions but...either to make absolutely sure or just to give me a headache...the press office received an early morning call on what would have been the first day.

Who from? Oh, just the Hunt Retribution Squad. They'd done what? Placed three stolen land mines at the bank on Withens Field where most of the coursers stand. What did they want me to do about it? Tell the media and authorities. Fine!

Naturally I passed the news on to the media and...because the caller had specifically asked me to inform the authorities...dialled "999". yes, I've had a call about three stolen land mines being planted...

Was it a hoax? I presume the authorities know by now and I'm sure the original caller knew. Me ? I really don't know.. and neither would

the authorities until they checked. With so many outrageous things going on you can never be too careful, can you?

ARSON ABOUT WITH THE ALF

No, I can't claim credit for that heading; it was one Keith Mann suggested for a tee-shirt. My idea was "A burning ambition to end animal abuse" but the people who produced the shirt ignored both of us and used the newspaper headline "Fear haunts the abattoirs". But that's got nothing at all to do with this story...

On Saturday 25th February a news agency telephoned me saying that incendiary devices had been put through the letter boxes of Boots in Hastings and St Leonard's-on-Sea, would it have been animal rights people? Learning what the agency knew I said that I was confident it would have been the work of the ALF. However, they asked me to call them if I heard anything more about it.

Literally three minutes later I received a call claiming responsibility and saying there had been a third device at the Bexhill-on-Sea branch!

Calling the news agency straight back, they told me that the police hadn't reported the Bexhill incident but I assured them that the caller seemed quite sure of their facts. On reflection I wondered if they really believed the call had come through so soon just by coincidence! Truth is often stranger than fiction...just ask any vivisector.

The other call that morning came from "animal liberation activists in Northern Ireland" who claimed that timed incendiaries had been mailed the previous Wednesday to bloodsports supporters throughout the UK and that further devices had been dispatched within the preceding 24 hours. Targets for the devices included the Irish Coursing Club HQ, Horse and Hound magazine in London and Countrymans' Weekly (formerly Shooting News). The actions were described as a major step up in their offensive against bloodsports around the UK and they claimed that further

devices could be expected through the post with no further warnings.

IT'S A LIBERATING FEELING...

Many of our non-human brothers and sisters have been given a helping hand to move home and find a more settled existence elsewhere, these are just a few arranged recently by the ALF removal Co. Unlimited:

A stallion was rescued from the Swale area of Kent on 9th January from a home where a dog had already choked to death on the end of its chain, an incident where a court case failed to gain a conviction. From being very poorly the stallion has received veterinary treatment, plenty of good food and is finding that his rehabilitation is going very nicely, thank you.

Further up country, in the Barnsley area on 28th January, two badgers were helped to freedom from scum who had brought them back after a night out lamping foxes. The badgers were handed over to a badger protection group and a polecat rescued at the same time has also been found a good new home.

Back down South on 3rd February a Larsen trap was attacked at Standean Farm near Brighton with crows and magpies being allowed once again to roam their countryside. Vehicles at the farm were severely damaged and the home of the gamekeeper responsible was also visited.

Just before this article was written came the news that Leyden Street slaughterhouse in London had been hit yet again and 58 hens were now in new accommodation. This latest visit was during the early hours of 3rd March but the place has been subjected to attacks time and time again with no apparent let-up in sight. Perhaps it's worth a reminder that there are regular pickets of the hellhole on the first and third Sunday, plus the second Tuesday, each month. Meet at the Bishopsgate entrance of Liverpool Street tube/BR station at 10.45am.

Of course there is more...much more...but I'd

just like to refer you back to "Freedom of speech?" at the beginning of this article.

BADGERING THE BAITERS

I am sure that all of you saw the recent Channel 4 TV documentary on badger baiting will be interested to learn that one of those featured, Michael Head of Crowborough, had his vehicles trashed by the ALF on the night of 23rd February. That's not incitement, it's just a plain statement of fact.

Rumour has it that another badger baiter featured in an earlier BBC TV programme was attacked and beaten by members of the public.

(A considerable amount of this section has been edited, on legal advice)

THANX FOR THE FAX

A very special thanks indeed to Cleveland Action for Animal Rights who approached the press office after reading its appeal in the last edition of this newsletter to ask how much a combined fax/answer phone/telephone machine would cost. I explained that I had found a remarkable deal that saved another £130 against the normal discount price at "electrical warehouses". To my great surprise and delight they wanted to pay the full amount and wrote "It gives us great pleasure to be able to send you this money in the certain knowledge that it could not go to a better home" (probably not strictly true, but refer again to "Freedom of Speech?"). Thanks CAAR, it really was a shot in the arm to know the ALF PO has that kind of support!

Just before any readers get the impression that CAAR are just a local group who are into supporting "right-on direct action", one look at their latest 30-page newsletter will show that they are really going for animal liberation on all fronts. Three pages of Vegan recipes, a list of non-animal-testing charities, a glowing report on the Scottish Living Without Cruelty Exhibition (where they ran the DAARE stall), in-depth articles on subjects such as angling

and tree crops/fruitarianism including Bill Jordan's "Care for the Wild". As I've said before, we're all on the same side! Why can't all other groups be as broad-minded?

Thanks also to Hounslow Animal defence who offered to donate a very good quality "nearly-new" fax machine with Faxman (Faxperson?) adapter. A wildlife rescue and emergency service that I know does excellent work urgently needed one and hadn't got the funds, so that's also gone to a good home. Nice one, Hounslow.

Many thanks also to the groups and individuals who sent donations, every penny was much appreciated and will all be used carefully on behalf of the animals.

FULL OF EASTER PROMISE...

As this piece was slightly delayed news has just come in today, 10th March, of the PLO joining the struggle for animal liberation!

Yes, a claim has been received that battery eggs in the Southeast from Stonegate Farms have been contaminated and placed in shops and supermarkets. The action seems to be the responsibility of a brand new group...the Poultry Liberation Organisation.

At the risk of being guilty of the worst pun in 1994 so far; "Yas, ser, get your newspaper here. Eggstra, eggstra, read all about it!". Sorry to all those with a real sense of humour.

THE WAGES OF SIN?

Going back to the "fax" article and the subject of money, I do get asked by the police from time to time just how I get paid. Even more surprising are the occasions when animal rights people ask how much I and those running the Supporters' Group get paid.

If only! As far as I am aware no ALF activist has received financial reward. If they don't get paid then there is certainly no justification for those who run the SG or press office to take a penny for themselves either. Donations to the SG and press office go to pay the actual

running costs of the service plus, in the SG's case, to assist the welfare of prisoners. A lot of you know my partner, Margaret. She works and pays for our day-to-day living; I'm a househusband as well as being ALF press officer! Those who help run the SG are similarly self-supporting.

But be warned! More and more concern is being expressed by local groups about "organisations" who come into town, set up a stall, get good money and then pay themselves out of the donations. If you have any information on this kind of thing happening, or if you need advice on countering it, please contact ARC (Animal Rights Coalition), PO Box 155, Manchester, M60 1FT; Telephone 061 953 4039. Don't forget, it's money intended for the animals, not for us!

AND AS THIS IS THE WORLD DAY ISSUE...

Both the SG and press office requested stands at the NAVS exhibition. The press office even pointed out that it is recognised as a bona fide news agency operation by the various Associations of Chief Police Officers in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Neither have so far received a reply. So...NAVS really can't blame us if we have to go to an "alternative fair", it ain't our fault.

I guess that, as usual, there'll be no message read out at Trafalgar Square on behalf of the prisoners despite many past editions of NAVS Campaigner being primarily reports made up from ALF raids. So, to all of you taking a short (or not-so-short) break inside...we are all thinking of you and appreciate your sacrifice.

Oh, mustn't forget. There are just a few people who really can't come to World Day march even though they are free. To those fugitives from injustice...Angie, Keith, John and Rod...we're all right behind you and we hope the Old Bill aren't!! Take care and 'bye for now...

ROBIN WEBB

ADVERT

Are there any Vegan, liberationist musicians (amateur or professional) who would like to put music to my anti-animal abuse verse, and get out there and raise much needed ALF awareness and money?

Front person is me because I am confident and arrogant concerning animal liberation and the need to get the message across via a hardworking, fun show band. I've lots of ideas so lets get together and sock it to them - Contact Dave Hammond on 0273 846941 or at Catkin House, 37 north Court, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 8JS.

Help Wanted

The Haven Animal Centre is desperately in need of donations, fund-raisers and volunteers to assist in the running and maintenance of the sanctuary. All help manual or clerical is needed. The centre is also involved in the campaign against the transport and slaughter of ponies for meat abroad. Anyone who can offer of help should write to:

**The Haven Animal Centre
Seymour Farm
Curland
Taunton
TA3 5SD
Tel: 0823 481220**

The sanctuary Wildlife Aid is in need of homes for a number of small animals including ducks, chickens, rabbits and cats. If any one can offer a good home or any donations to their work please contact:

**Wildlife Aid
2 Marley Avenue
Bexleyheath
Kent DA7 5RU
Tel: 081 312 9021**

John Curtin

Thanks a million for your letter, the £25 and the incredible quick response in getting news of my imprisonment out to members.

This week events have done my head in - if it weren't for the visits I've had and the stack of letters I've received then I dread to think how low I'd be feeling now. As it is I'm feeling alright and I am more angry then anything about how I've been well and truly set up. As if last Mondays twilight zone hearing at the magistrates wasn't bad enough, my judge and chambers was presided over by the Doddleston judge. I'd convinced myself that I was gonna be given bail - anyway here I still am and it looks as if here I will stay for some time yet.

Once again thanks for getting my details sent out so quickly - it's been a real morale booster - things would've been so much worse this week without the letters, 26 I've had.

Yours for animal liberation

John Curtin

NOTE: John Curtin was in court on charges relating to Cheshire hunts but his solicitor had been informed by the prosecution not to bother to turn up as that's days hearing was just a formality. In a outrageous move they raised Johns charges to section 2 of the public order act and asked for him to be remanded which the magistrate rubber stamped. We are pleased to say that John was released exactly one week later when he was again in magistrates court but this time with a solicitor.

John had been told by the police after the Manchester trial that 'he was next'!



Act Now

How optimistic are we, as we start a new year, that we will see any beneficial changes in regards to live exports shipped to and trucked across the Continent. Not much I would guess, and with such pessimism there won't be change!

Have you made a New Year's Resolution that this disgusting trade and all the horrors it entails will end? If not, please do so now. Most people are talking about peace in the New Year. What about some peace for the millions of farm animals?

We must never underestimate the power of public pressure. Progress is made by optimists. If you feel strongly enough about something that agitates you then do something about it. During the last three weeks in November 1993, the Ministry of Agriculture received 12,000 letters about the transport of animals.

Stereotype replies from those in power insinuate new proposals will alleviate the suffering. It is absurd to suggest that because they plan to give the animals a little bit more, or a little bit less of something that this brutal trade will become acceptable. Will the animals trucked from Scotland to Italy, Greece, Spain or beyond be able to appreciate they have a little more space! More space to be hurled around in... Room for those that fall to rise again - that is if they are not too badly injured or trampled to death of course. How many times will they fall or be trampled during the long and wearisome journey? Will the animals be informed that the structure and quality of floors are improved and sharp edges removed!

Another claim is that vehicles which transport these animals will have facilities to provide them with food and water without having to unload them. Another ridiculous claim is, "There will be sufficient space for all the animals to lie down in order that they may be rested during the journey". It is all too farcical for words.

It is important to continue to mobilise public support of those who support a ban. We must continue to capitalise on that support through letters to the press and media, horror pictures and also through leaflets and petitions. Petitions alone are not enough. More vociferous campaigns are essential. We are the voice of these defenceless creatures and we must make that voice heard. We must exert pressure through pickets, vigils and demonstrations. The suffering has been allowed to go unhindered by Governments for too many years. If we want the horrors that abound for these animals to stop then we must fight for it.

The suffragettes were not too ladylike when they fought to get the right to vote for women.

It must be remembered that many people are involved in the trafficking of animals. Dealers, exporters, transporters and those who ship them. Many are nervous of bad publicity. It is therefore a matter of urgency that we highlight each and everyone's involvement. We need nation-wide campaigns. So the spotlight must be focused on those involved. Perhaps the campaign should be called, THE SHAME CAMPAIGN?

The scale and breadth of this scandalous cruelty and corruption is on such a magnitude-- it will not end by wishful thinking. Everyone somewhere can do something.

Constantly the public ask, "Do you think it will ever stop?" ...YES... When people are prepared to do something about it!

Start these campaigns now.

Lilian Buckner
N.O.W. Against live Exports
Souldern, Oxon OX6 9LA

Mark Power

Please note that this article was written while the last newsletter was being printed. Also since then, Mark had been granted parole and was released.

I've recently requested to be put back on the POW list after an absence of just under a year and, without going into all the circumstances, I'd like to explain why this occurred. I was arrested in 1991 and eventually convicted of arson and criminal damage to butcher's shops. At the time of my arrest, unknown to us, my ex-partner was pregnant with our daughter, Alisha. My ex-partner went on to make several damaging statements to the police in order to have a conspiracy charge against her dropped and ensured my conviction.

Whilst on remand, it became increasingly obvious that my ex-partner was unable to care for Alisha and her half sister and both children were placed in voluntary care with temporary foster parents with my consent. Since then, things have rapidly deteriorated and the Social Services have ruled out the children's mother as their long term carer and are assessing me for that role.

I have been in regular contact with the Social Services and, towards the end of last year, it was put to me that it was imperative that I was released as quickly as possible so that I could take care of the children, the alternative was that they would be put up for adoption. The Children's Act 1989 places great emphasis on the need for care proceedings to be expedited as quickly as possible. It was strongly hinted that unless I was released from prison early, I would lose my children.

In January 1993, I was informed that my parole application had been refused. In an interview with a prison Probation Officer, I was told that

the reason for this was probably because of my continued links with the Animal Liberation movement and it was suggested that I issue a statement declining further support from the SG and other groups. I was told, furthermore, that my mail was being monitored. On several occasions, I was handed already opened mail, or mail that had been opened because it had supposedly been "damaged" in the post (other POW's beware)! This is in contravention to the Home Office's own guide lines which state that mail sent to inmates in open prisons should only be opened in his or her presence. Basically, when you're in prison the limited rights you once had on the outside are reduced to virtually nothing.

I mention all this, really, to highlight two kinds of pressures present and future jailed activists may come under. The State may give a very thin pretence of making their decisions on the humanitarian grounds, but in the end it exists to defend and preserve the interests of those with wealth and power. It intends to emasculate all forms of dissent, be it Animal Liberation or anti-fascist groups. Our response, the only possible response, is to fight back. Thankfully that struggle is carried on every night of the week on our streets as the animal abusers are driven further and further into the seedy, dirty corner where they belong.

I've recently learned that I've got parole as of 3rd February. This means that I'll be released a mere four months earlier than the end of my sentence, despite the fact that I've been working out of the prison at a house occupied by people with learning difficulties and have been on several periods of home leave. At the same time, I've known heroin smugglers and people imprisoned for serious assaults freed on their first parole application. I think that says a lot for the British legal system. Regrettably, I

think not only are the courts now handing down more severe sentences, but POW's are also likely to find it more difficult to get parole. The fact that the State resorts to such measures is a testament to our success.

I felt I couldn't carry on in this hypocritical fashion, refusing support whilst at the same time retaining my belief in rights for animals and maintaining a cruelty free lifestyle. In view of this, I reaffirmed my allegiance to the animals before my parole application, so I was fairly surprised when I discovered I was to be paroled.

Despite my problems, I've had a pretty easy time of it compared to others. I'm going to show my gratitude to all those who have supported me by continuing to fight for Animal Liberation and by giving practical support to those activists still inside.

Love and Liberation,

Mark Power

McLibel Trial

The two unwaged defendants in the McDonalds' libel case have won leave to Appeal against the decision to deny them a jury trial.

The appeal was heard on 15/26 March in the court of appeal. The trial itself has been provisionally set to start on 18 April 1994, and is estimated to last two to three months.

Helen Steel and Dave Morris, the McLibel two, are alleged to have distributed a London Greenpeace leaflet which accused McDonalds of exploiting animals, the environment, workers and promoting unhealthy food. They are denied legal aid for lawyers and since 1990 have defended themselves against a team of experienced libel lawyers acting for the \$20 billion McDonalds Hamburger Corporation. They are now having to fight for the right to a jury trial.

For more information or offers of help contact the McLibel Support Campaign. The address will be found at the back of the newsletter.

Swearing Again! Green @

Thank you for publishing my letter condemning the unnecessary use of bad language. You all need money from your supporters whatever their schooling and education happens to have been and to risk losing it because of the bad manners of those less fortunate than I is a very sad thing. We send to many, many animal charities and we wish them all good luck. I hope you will publish this letter too - unaltered. I will consider sending donations again when I've heard from you. Meanwhile keep up the good work and stay safe and unharmed.

Audrey Turner

Green Anarchist magazine is appealing for any animal liberation news to be sent to them. Items from any spectrum of the movement will be appreciated. Send all items to:

**Green Anarchist magazine
Box ZZ
111 Magdalen Road
Oxford OX4 1RQ**

Bloodsports

February 9th was quite a sad day; a day to remember in that it was 3 years ago that Mike Hill was killed whilst sabbing the Cheshire beagles Hunt. A day where hunters were given permission to kill humans as well as animals (for as many people know, Alan Summersgill - hunter- escaped legal conviction over Mike's death).

I couldn't believe my ears when I heard the news on Feb 9th this year, when I heard a high court decision to overturn Somerset County Council's ban on hunting on their land. It was almost as if there was a sick twist of fate involved. This decision at the High Court has made everyone involved in Anti-bloodsports activity very frustrated and angry.

Yet again, we have another example of how "free" and "democratic" our country is. For over a decade now it has been proved time and time again, by independent surveys, that between 75-80 per cent of the population is anti-bloodsports. But parliament rejects a ban on hunting, and when county councils vote in favour of a ban, it's overturned because they "cannot make such decisions on an ethical basis", so the Judge says. The odds are that the Judge goes out hunting: the Judge who sent me to prison hunts!

In the news item on Radio 1, when this court announcement was made, John Bryant of the League Against Cruel Sports (LACS) was interviewed. Despite direct action being no part of the news item, he managed to raise the subject and slag it off as much as possible (who's side is he on? - we all know about Dick Course, who once headed LACS and is now a pro-hunt spokesperson). In the interview John

Bryant warned that the decision could result in "war in the countryside" because the "minority extremists, and they ARE the minority, will use this as an excuse to say; "hey look, we told you peaceful methods do not work."

Where has he been the last few years? Certainly not out sabbing, because he'd know that a "war" has already been started against us. The police constantly harass and arrest saboteurs with no grounds to do so, and in the last 3 seasons the number of sabs beaten up, and hospitalised has risen dramatically. Most frightening of all is the two saboteurs killed. It is US who are nearly always the victims of violence. I assume by "peaceful methods" he means non-direct actions. We are not the minority (neither are we extremists - a stereotypical and patronising word at the best of times) as he would know if he attended any animal rights demo or march: ALF T-shirts and merchandise are the most popular items.

He's hit the nail on the head, because of course this shows that we need direct action. We won the bloodsports campaign years ago, and for the sakes of the animals hunted out there, along with Mike Hill and Tom Worby, we must follow what common sense and our consciences tell us.

Max Watson

Allison McKeon

I'd like to say **THANKS!** to everyone in the SG for all the support I've had - it's been overwhelming! It really makes a big difference to receive so many encouraging letters and to hear news from the Animal Liberation Movement - it makes my day. The financial support from the SG is also very much appreciated! Without it we would all have less contact with friends in the movement through visits and phonecalls. Prisons are meant to isolate people - contact keeps us strong. So thanks to everyone who has donated money to the SG. There is likely to be a lot more animal rights prisoners in the future, especially when new legislation makes sabbing illegal, so it is vital that the SG keeps going strong.

My experience of prison has been that it is intimidating at first but once you get your head round it and get on with it, it gets much easier. I know that I have had it a lot easier than most AR prisoners because I'm in an open prison and I get lots of privileges/outside visits etc., but even in the worst prisons the conditions are nothing compared to the suffering endured by millions of animals. **DON'T BE DETERRED** from doing what you know is right, no matter what the state threatens you with.

Try to **STAY POSITIVE!** Despite the relatively small number of people involved in the animal liberation movement, we have made a big impact in a fairly short period of time, compared with other liberation movements. Thousands of animals have been rescued from abusers or saved by hunt saboteurs; many farms, furriers and butchers have closed down; the numbers of veggies and vegans have increased quite dramatically in the last decade or so. It is surprising how much a few

dedicated people can achieve. Last year a handful of people stopped the Grand National. Imagine how much more we could achieve if we all do a bit more.

There are no leaders in the animal liberation movement (a fact which the state can't understand and refuses to accept). No-one tells anyone else what to do - instead it is up to each one of us to motivate ourselves to take whatever action we can and hopefully to inspire others to get involved. If something needs doing, don't wait for someone else to do it. Have the confidence to use your own initiative. Every contribution that anyone makes is important, no matter how small. Let's get it together and fight this war as if we mean to win it!

Good luck, take care and never give up!

Allison McKeon.

The Day After...

On 30th July, 1991, the Animal Liberation Front raided the Immunology Department of the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel. It was the biggest raid ever undertaken in the UK by the ALF resulting in the rescue of 1,070 mice and beagles. In addition substantial damage was caused to laboratory equipment, the operating theatre, fixtures and fittings. Slogans were sprayed over the walls and a large amount of paperwork removed. What was perhaps even more extraordinary about the raid was that an anti-vivisectionist, Adam Spare, was working undercover in the laboratory attempting to get information on animal experiments with the knowledge and help of the BUAV. When he came to work on 31st of July he had no idea how different this day would be.

Shortly after the raid the police became aware that Adam was an anti-vivisectionist. He was arrested and charged with conspiracy to burgle, theft and obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception. To add insult to injury the BUAV disowned him. Nancy Phipps was charged alongside for fraud because she gave him a reference to obtain the job initially.

In April 1993 the case came to court. Both were acquitted by the judge after the prosecution case. He said he would feel uneasy of any conviction because there was no real evidence. This is the story of what happens after a major ALF raid.....

It was 7am in the Pathology Room and Adam Spare was washing cages, the Senior Animal Technician, Janet Jury, who performed experiments came in and asked, "Have you heard what's happened?" He replied, "No, what?" and she revealed that there had been a break in over the road, she hadn't seen what had happened but was heading over. She didn't seem particularly shocked. Adam dried up and they both headed over the road to the laboratory.

The first indication that anything was amiss was a lot of sawdust spilt at the bottom of the stairs. The laboratory was on the top floor and the second floor, and Adam headed up the stairs. Ahead of him he could hear Janet exclaiming, "Oh God, Oh God". When he reached her she was standing, holding her hands up, crying and saying, "Oh God, Oh God, what are we going to do?"

She was in the office that was normally used for spleenectomies - but which staff also used for their lunch, even whilst experiments were being performed in the same room. It had been

devastated. Machinery was all over the floor, telephones had been ripped out and slogans had been sprayed everywhere. Adam could not help himself and started to laugh and was forced to hide his face. Meanwhile Janet became worse, becoming hysterical.

Adam left the office and walked down the corridor to the animal house. It was completely empty of animals and vacant cages littered the floor. The walls were covered in spray paint and the rooms were very, very quiet.

Security had by now been called and two uniformed guards with a man in a suit arrived. They looked around and said no one should touch anything. The police also arrived, along with Richard Rowntree, the head of Pathology, whose first utterances were "Have ARNI been informed?". Rowntree was actually in a jovial mood and was smiling and laughing. Adam was asked to take Janet away for a smoke because she was in such a state. He took her to the tea room.

A dog had gone to the toilet at the top of the

stairs and the police believed there was a footprint in this. So this was dutifully scraped up for future evidence. Mercifully this never appeared in court as exhibit A!

By now other staff were arriving, but were told to go and sit in the tea room so that they could give statements. They also intended to take Janet's and Adam's fingerprints. The police then chained the lab shut and that was how it stayed for about three days. No statements or fingerprints were taken, after all.

Later in the afternoon an elderly researcher, Rosa Vasquez, arrived. She had been experimenting on mice with a special genetic status and it had taken about thirty years to build up the strain. She would perform splenectomies on the animals. Everyone was very worried because the lab was all Rosa had. All of her animals had been taken. Janet took her to a room and told her what had happened. She couldn't take it and was still disbelieving later in the day. About 25 years of Rosa Vasquez's work had been destroyed. She could have used human cells but preferred animals. The project was completely halted by the ALF raid and has not been resumed.

Not all of the people at the hospital were as concerned by the raid as one might have expected. Nor were they about other incidents: Adam has been working there when the ALF raided Surrey University. Someone on the clerical side had approached him saying "Have you heard, Surrey University has been raided and all the animals taken out." He was actually pleased. Adam believed this person, who used to cry when he saw the dogs in the lab, would have been promoted if he had wanted to get involved in vivisection, but he refused. After the London Hospital raid he was pleased but concerned whether the dogs had been taken to good homes.

Finally, locked out of the strangely silent lab, the police suggested they all go home at 3pm.

Two weeks later Adam was arrested.

Nina Wilson

Nina Wilson is to appear in Belfast Crown Court on the 5th May charged with attempted arson and possession of an incendiary device.

We all wish her the best of luck with her case and hope that she will retain her freedom.

The law is what we live
with.

Justice is harder to
achieve.

S.H.

Diane Selvanayagam

Diane Selvanayagam was sentenced to 5 days imprisonment for non-payment of fines incurred for offences on a picket of Boots. The Supporters Group would like to say sorry to Diane that we couldn't get the standard prisoner postal orders to her but by the time we had heard of her plight she had been released.

Grand Juries Continue

On February 18, 1994 Kim Trimiew and Deborah Stout were jailed for refusing to testify before a grand jury in Spokane, Washington. Grand juries have been impanelled in several states to investigate ALF activities.

The first such grand jury in Washington expired after eighteen months in November '93, and a new one was impanelled in December, adding another eighteen months to the investigation. Both Kim and Deborah were re-subpoenaed and subsequently jailed after refusing an offer of immunity.

Kim exercised her Fifth Amendment right to remain silent before a grand jury in Oregon in March '93 and in Washington in September '93. She was offered immunity in Washington in August '92 and to Michigan in September '92, both time invoking the Fifth. Members of both activists' families have also been harassed by unexpected FBI visits, threats, questioning and subpoenas.

Kim and Deborah will remain jailed until the Judge decides to release them, or until the grand jury expires in eighteen months. Both need support for their courageous stand against grand jury abuse and United States government oppression of the animal rights movement in the US.

We have recently being informed by the other American prisoner, Anthony Miller, that Kim Trimiew is being held in the hospital wing of the prison and is isolated from all other contact with prisoners. Deborah Stout is in the normal part of the prison. Perhaps the authorities think that to be sent to prison twice for your beliefs is too fantastic to be true and so believe that Kim needs medical care! Needless to say this only means that we should increase our support for both Kim and Deborah.

What follows are two articles by Deb Stout, one written before her imprisonment and one after.

Two more Imprisoned!

It's been a long year and a half, my friends... 18 months of early morning visits, threats and intimidation, hair samples and foot measurements, three incarcerations and one indictment.

We thought it would be over. We weathered it out, looking forward to making plans when the investigations were over and we could continue with our lives. Maybe we could even visit friends and renew friendships forced into the closet by fear of exposure and incrimination.

We were naive.

The recurring grand jury nightmare has only just begun.

In Michigan, one grand jury expired, their 18 months were up. Before it was over, though, they issued an indictment for Rod Coronado on five separate charges ranging from interstate travel to commit a felony, to setting a fire to destroy animal research. It made them look good and gave them a reason to continue the investigation, so a whole new grand jury was impanelled. Things so far, though, have been quiet...no new subpoenas, no nothing. Disturbing.

In Spokane, shit continues to hit the fan. Kim Trimiew was jailed in early October and released after three weeks pending appeal. Her appeal revolved around the fact that, as a target of the grand jury in more than one district, immunity from testimony could not be guaranteed. A three-judge panel in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied the appeal. Since so far the US Attorney has declined to imprison her she is still out. The grand jury in Spokane expired on December 7th, but the rumour is they're impanelling a whole new grand jury. The state is so predictable.

What does that mean for Kim? It means that most likely by the time you read this she'll be back in the big house.

And for the rest of us, it means another 18 months of watching, listening and waiting for the indictments to come down.

And what about the animals...I often wonder what it means to them.

Deb Stout.

I received your letter and newsletter today along with half a dozen letters from supporters in Britain. It was a little overwhelming, to say the least. Thank you for your support. The organising, cohesion and communication within the movement there never ceases to amaze me. We've, unfortunately, got a way to go yet.

I actually just finished a rather lengthy letter to a friend here working out some recent miscommunications and misunderstandings over support work. It's a difficult business! It's frustrating that these things take so much time and energy better spent in other places. It's a learning process we must go through I suppose, and none of us growing up in this dysfunctional culture are taught communication or consensus skills. I guess it feels like we're re-inventing the wheel sometimes (god forbid!).

Before I came here I mailed Anthony Miller \$25 while he was awaiting funds from you fellows. He apparently received it OK.

Life here is not bad. I'm studying Spanish, reading voraciously and doing lots of writing. I am receiving Vegan food, although it took a while. Fortunately I loaded up on all my favourite foods before being jailed so going without for a few days wasn't such a hardship. I do, however, miss whole foods. The food here is pale, weak and spiritually dead.

Thank you, everyone, for your incredible work. Hopefully we can learn and grow from each other.

Love & Liberation

Deb

GRASSES AND INTERROGATORS

I thought I'd just write down a few observations on police interrogation techniques and their use of grasses.

In 1991, I and another person were detained by the police outside a butcher's shop in Birmingham. We were arrested and later charged with arson, going equipped to commit arson and nine counts of criminal damage against a number of butchers' shops in the same area. Initially we were also charged with conspiracy to commit arson.

Having been placed in a police car, we were driven separately to the local police station. I was forced to sit outside the station for approximately half an hour while the two cops present attempted to engage in small talk. I refused to comment on any of their questions. They asked me, for example, why I wore boots of a synthetic material, if I was a Vegan, what was my attitude towards the police. All this was done in a casual tone of bonhomie. It was obvious, in fact, that they were trying to gain evidence to use against myself and my co-accused in the future.

I was held for five days at the station while they carried out their investigations. Throughout that time, one copper after another attempted to befriend me. The Detective Sergeant who was my main interrogator always insisted on taking me back to my cell following an interrogation and to this day I can see him standing at the cell door, grinning at me and telling me how much he admired me for my principles etc, etc. He positively oozed with oily charm. On another occasion, another, more senior copper embarked on a rather puzzling

and tedious monologue about his Christian convictions and how he understood what it was to hold strong beliefs. However, I remained unmoved and remained silent (months after this, this same Christian copper claimed that I had verbally threatened him while he was in my cell, a claim that was completely untrue. Typical Christian hypocrisy)!

Having tried and failed this approach, they then got nasty. They threatened to charge me with attempting to endanger life, despite the fact that the butchers we attacked was stood completely separate from any other building, the attack happened at night when no one was on the premises and there were no dwellings anywhere near the buildings. They further informed me that other police forces wanted to interview me and were coming to see me the next day, the suggestion being that they intended to implicate me in direct action incidents in other parts of the country. In fact, I never did see the members of other police forces that they assured me were on their way.

As in other cases, they confronted me with a succession of house-hold items which they said they had recovered from my flat and that I had allegedly intended to use to "further the aims of the ALF", items such as batteries, pieces of wire and even a pile of old newspapers!

They did however, recover several copies of the "Into the 90's" document and were able to show that certain articles in my possession on that night had been altered in a manner shown in the document. In addition, they also took away printed lists of vivisection concentration camps and their supplies and other documents.

They were not in themselves incriminating, but the police were able to link my possession of these items to my involvement in the animal rights movement and, by insinuation, my involvement in direct action.

I mention these details because I think it is important to emphasise that those involved in the movement need to be extra careful about what they keep in their homes and on their person. The police are very clever at manipulating the most innocuous evidence and are fond of inferring significance where none exists. I would suggest that activists are particularly careful about the type of written material they keep in their homes. You don't have to be guilty to end up in jail!

During the five days of interrogation, the police constantly referred to statements supposedly made by my co-accused and tried to get me to make statements against her, which I refused to do. I dismissed this at the time as more manipulation on their part. I discovered subsequently, however, that my co-accused had indeed made damaging statements against me, I suspect as part of a deal to ensure her freedom. In the end, the conspiracy charge which had been levelled against us was dropped in her favour and she was charged with a minor count of criminal damage for which she received probation.

Whatever we may think of such people, the most important thing to consider is the damage to the movement they can do. In the final analysis, more animals are killed and tortured because more activists are caught and imprisoned, sometimes on the evidence of grasses. The state isn't messing about, instead they're resorting to the mailed fist. They intend to smash all forms of dissent, especially the animal rights movement and we can be assured that they will use every method at their disposal. They have refined their techniques of repression after many years of civil strife in Northern Ireland and they are beginning to use those techniques in the rest of the UK. John Major likes to portray himself as a liberal and humanitarian conservative and yet his regime is

becoming increasingly repressive by the month.

My I take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me during my imprisonment. My name has not been included in the POW list for some time for personal reasons but I have now requested that it be printed once again. May I also warn all other POW's to be wary of the Probation Service. My own experience has shown that they, whatever their personal attitudes, are as much an intrinsic part of the state machine as the police, judiciary and prison authorities and as such will always come down in favour of our enemies.

Mark Power.

Of the 16,000 cases looked at, which covered the range of offences from fairly mild to very serious, only 3 per cent of those accused exercised the right to silence.

From 'Presumed Guilty - The British Legal System exposed' by Michael Mansfield QC.

Grassing, however, remains perhaps the principal method by which the police obtain information which will lead either to prevention of crime or to arrest of villains and recovery of stolen property.

From 'Bent Coppers - A survey of Police Corruption' by James Morton.

Beware!

Badger killers

In the South East of England incidents of badger digging are on the increase and vigilance is essential. If you spot any of the following vehicles in suspicious circumstances you should contact the Badger Hotline at once. Under no circumstances should the people in any of these vehicles be approached. If digging is suspected the police should be called first. The Badger Hotline is: 0444 417822

NUMBER	MAKE	COLOUR/TYPE	ALLEGED TO BE FROM
A145 MPP	Ford	Red Pick-up	Surrey
A65 WFS	Vauxhall	White Astra Van	Hailsham/Seaford,
A530 LKN	Mercedes	White Astra Van	Sussex
A966 HPA	Vauxhall	Blue Carlton S	Croydon, Surrey
AMM 77T	Rover	White Rangerover	Surrey
B624 JYJ	Toyota	Red Pick-up	Hailsham, Surrey
C230 0KE	Lada	4 Wheel Drive	Hailsham, Surrey
C656 RCD	Mitsubishi	4 Wheel Drive	East Sussex
C792 KAM	Mazda	White Pick-up	East Sussex
C869 CUW	Ford	Yellow Transit	Surrey
C889 1NJ	Bedford	White Van	Surrey/London
DWY 813Y	Ford	White Escort Van	Hailsham, Sussex
E209 XGK	Ford	Grey Sierra	East Sussex
F633 GGT	Ford	Blue Transit	London
F892 LYV	Rover	Landrover	Surrey/London
FNJ 540J	Ford	Blue Cortina	Hailsham, Sussex
G336 RYJ	Bedford	White Pick-up	Hailsham, Sussex
GFP 947N	Rover	Green Landrover	Not Known
JRG 861X	Ford	Red Escort Van	Billingshurst, Sussex
OPR 988W	Rover	Landrover	Not Known
TAP 557X	Not Known	Red	Not Known
UNJ 185Y	Ford	Silver Escort	Hailsham, Sussex
VAP 120H	Rover	Green Landrover	Not Known
WCD 768Y	Subaru	Blue Saloon	Bognor regis, Sussex
YRB 149Y	Not Known	Silver Saloon	Not Known
?193 CGW	Peugeot	White	Not Known
DWV 471V	Ford	Brown Cortina	Not Known
BNY 811T	Morris	Brown Marina	Wales (LKO)

Prison Food

In the past a number of POW's have been forced to take protest action against prison authorities in order to secure the right of Vegans to receive a cruelty free diet. These actions have included hunger strikes. From what I understand, most prisons now recognise the ethical stand taken by Vegans and supply food accordingly.

However, shortly before my release from HMP Foston Hall in Derbyshire, I learned that the budget allowance for Vegans was to be cut by 70p, thus removing the fruit ration. Clearly the authorities, not content with jailing people for their compassion, now intend to punish people further by taking away their right to a flesh free diet. Moreover, a sizeable minority of prisoners who are not jailed for animal rights actions opt for a Vegan and vegetarian diet for philosophical, religious and health reasons. They too will be penalised by this decision.

Anybody who has been to prison will know that the standard of food is generally very poor. The little that is spent on catering is now under attack because of the Government's desire to make cutbacks in public spending. Why should those with a conscience pay for the mistakes of a bungling and uncaring system? I'd urge all SG members to write to the address below and lodge their protest at this proposal. If this is happening at Foston Hall it may happen at other prisons where activists are being held.

Please write to:
Colonel David
The Home Office
50 Queensgate
London

Yours in animal liberation

Mark Power



Whose side are you on?

It is with great sadness that I write this article. When I was first involved in the movement for animal liberation, I really believed that, ten years on, victory would be ours. My article "10 Years On (and winning)" appeared in Arkangel 9 and Spring '93 ALF SG newsletter. We have had some successes, but victory is a long way off. I believe some of our worst enemies are the very people within the movement whom the animals look to for their freedom.

I was pleased to see 'Support for Prisoners' included in the last ALF SG newsletter, especially the piece about supporting prisoners after their release. I came out of prison naturally quite shaken by the whole experience. I found it hard adjusting to my release and no, I was not always met with support, far from it.

While in prison, I refused to share any cell which had pornographic pictures on the walls. I also went on hunger strike over this. Upon my release, certain animal activists sent me hate mail and various pornographic materials. No, they were NOT sent by animal abusers, I would have understood that.

I was disgusted at the McLibel campaign's leaflet publicising the march against McDonalds. The top of the leaflet has the young man's name who died while working at McDonalds. It asks for him to be remembered on the march and criticises McDonalds' working conditions. McDonalds workers have twice testified against me in court, leading to my being convicted of attacks against McDonalds. The last conviction led to my imprisonment. No, I do not want better conditions for trade unions for McDonalds - I want **NO** McDonalds. I want an end to the slaughter of gentle, innocent animals. Any less is a betrayal of the millions who died in slaughter houses for McDonalds. I received a

letter from an animal rights group saying that I was a right wing Vegan, lucky to be so well off and didn't have to work for McDonalds. Well, I have been penniless and homeless, but I would never have worked for a company that murders millions of animals. I would like to state that being opposed to a McLibel leaflet does not mean that I am opposed to the McLibel campaign itself. I am **NOT**. Looking back, I realise that my criticism of the McLibel campaign was unjustified. At the time, I was still adjusting to being released from prison. I was also recovering from a physical attack I suffered in prison because of my protests over goldfish kept in jars by the inmates. I would also like to state that no one from the McLibel campaign was responsible for any false rumours or hate mail sent to me.

However, I would like to ask the people who sent me hate mail and pornographic materials, whose side are you on? Do you really understand what we are fighting for? Some of you claim to support the ALF. Well, why not go out and attack the real enemy (if you have the guts). Go and direct your hate and anger at the animal abusers, not the individuals who are doing something for the animals.

The article in the last issue of S.A.R.P. newsletter (June '93) called 'Read it and understand' was the most critical, harsh, but sadly, true comment on the animal liberation movement I have ever read. The truth of what it said is still relevant, unfortunately.

One thing that kept me going while I was in prison was knowing I would not give up my fight to save animals. After my release, despite hassles I received from people within the movement, I was determined to continue fighting for the animals. The apathy I got from

previously enthusiastic people DIRECTLY led to the deaths of animals. Those so-called ALF activists who have an orgasm over wearing an ALF T-shirt and treat being Vegan as an alternative phase, now decided it was time to move on to 'something else'. A new hobby? A pity the animals awaiting death can't decide to do that as well.

Do you really know what the animals go through? Think, if you can, of their pain, suffering, torture and death. While the animals continue to die, you don't give a damn. You know who you are. How can you sleep at night, knowing the animals died because of you?

These very same people once attended the demos at London's Leyden Street chicken slaughter house. They now can't be bothered to go. Why? Is it the dreadful smell of the chickens dying? Some campaigners have used this as their excuse for not attending the demos. The chickens have no choice of escape and we must be their voice. Some demonstrators have been criticised for shouting abuse at the

slaughter house customers. There **IS** hate and anger felt at the crimes being committed only yards away. It's a war we are fighting, not a game! When activists enter slaughter houses, they feel that anger and fight back against the slaughter men to rescue the animals. Those beautiful animals that were destined to having their throats slit.

I still believe we can win the war. If we had half the people that there are now in the movement, but these people were men and women of exceptional courage, vision and dedication, victory would be ours and the killing would end. For those of you who treat animal liberation as a passing phase, you have blood on your hands. We can and **WILL** win. We have to be prepared to endure and even welcome the suffering we may have to go through. We have to reach out, stretch and grab that victory for the animals. Men and women of strong determination and dedication will do that willingly.

Chris Tucker.

Law is not more than an abstraction of justice; an expression of a society's political will and philosophical conceptions. Truth, right and justice are processes, not states. They are dynamic functions which can only be understood through action.

Girmeyn

Animal Liberation Investigation Unit

PRESS REPORT

On Tuesday 15th February, activists from the Animal Liberation Investigation Unit (ALIU) descended upon the Central Science Laboratories, and executive agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) at Tangley Place, Worpleson, near Guildford, Surrey. The aim was to gain photographic and video evidence of animals, mainly wildlife, held there for vivisection and to seize documents relating to experiments carried out at the establishment.

Activists split into two groups, one to enter the animal house, the other to inspect holding units situated outside. The group that went into the animal house observed rooms holding pigeons, wild rats and voles held in lab cages, and obviously undergoing experimentation. A room marked 'bio-hazard' contained more rats being fed pellets dosed with the poison Warfarin, in an experiment described as "symptom related food aversion". Substantial amount of documents were also seized. Outside, a variety of animals were being held: owls, sparrows, starlings, magpies, foxes and geese. There was also a selection of traps and empty cages. All documents that were taken were later returned undamaged, as was the intention stated in a slip of paper that all activists carried.

Unfortunately two people were arrested in connection with the inspection and large amounts of documents re-seized. They have been released on police bail under suspicion of burglary. As no criminal offence took place it is unlikely that any charges will be made against them.

A brief report of the findings follows and will be used in a campaign against the MAFF.

SECONDARY POISONING EXPERIMENTS

A series of feeding trials were conducted with the objective being to develop a suitable method for testing rodenticides, etc., on captive species and to determine secondary poisoning effects on species exposed to poisons through the food chain.

A four week trial, lead by L.M. Lettiot, was aimed at conditioning magpies to eat minced mice, to make future experiments easier. 12 wild magpies were held captive. The birds were only allowed one perch to aid recovery of droppings and fed minced mice, meat and cereal in different sized/shaped petri dishes, to find a preference. There was none. Two birds died during the trial, though no reasons were given.

In a commercial contract, a secondary poisoning trial was conducted on another batch of magpies. Birds were fed with 20g of minced laboratory LAC/grey mice previously fed on 0.02% Warfarin treated wheat until they died. The trial lasted 90 days, after which all birds were killed.

An experiment aimed as assessing dosage levels for future tests involved six little owls (*Athene noctua*) who were caught, bagged and weighed. They were held for 4 weeks individually housed in aviaries. The aim was again to establish how much they ate, but most birds lost weight and if the test had continued for a week or so longer would have died. The experimenters concluded that their weight loss was due to the stress of being held captive and regularly being caught and weighed, plus cleaning out etc.

The latest order for 6,000 mice to feed the

birds was from international lab breeder Harlan Olac, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

Weasels are also being used in secondary poisoning experiments. They have undergone a series of feeding trials and are being kept individually in holding cages. Worpleson have their own breeding programmes for weasels. All lab staff are advised to wear face masks due to the weasels often having worms.

CINNAMIC ACID DERIVATIVE REPELLENCY TO PIGEONS

Over 350 pigeons, supplied by Cardiff University Biochemistry Department, were used to test the repellency to pigeons of 14 chemicals at five different concentrations. The birds were individually housed and visually isolated. A 12 hr light/dark cycle was used. After the experiment all birds had blood samples removed, then were killed and sexed.

DYED/POISONED WHEAT EXPERIMENT ON WILD WOOD PIGEONS

A request was made to the animal house to prepare two rooms to house pigeons. One room to accommodate 32, the other 20. All these pigeons were caught from the wild. Four were caught at Morden, Surrey; one bird was found at Mitchams Farm Road, Ramsey area, unable to fly; another pigeon, also unable to fly was found at Colehill, Wimbourne, Dorset; a further 35 were caught at Arundel, Sussex. One bird bled for 3 days post capture and also 9 days later. Another bird had a lump on its head, but was reported as being unaffected.

The pigeons were then housed in lab cages and a preference trial was conducted on them involving dyed wheat - pink (erythrosine), red (carmine), orange (sunset yellow, E110) and a control. The birds' activity was videoed and a white screen was added to their cages to make the video image clearer. The whole of this trial, which was to last a year, was abandoned in order to wait for further analysis of the fonofus content of treated seed. Activists saw a notice on the door of the room containing pigeons

caged in the animal house, which stated that it was a poisoned seed experiment, so it looks like the trial has recommenced.

CHEMICAL BAIT TRAIL ON QUAIL

During this experiment each quail was caged singly. The aim to study the effects of a chemical bait on the fertility of quail. They later describe the chemical bait as poison, in a protocol for the experiment sent to the animal house for preparation of the project. The poison was given to the quail for three days running until they had died or were killed. Another request to the animal house concerning quail, was to incubate eggs and kill all the chicks as soon as they hatched, then freeze them - reason unknown.

Worpleson have a breeding colony of Japanese quail and documents were found concerning a series of trials and information concerning quail factory farming. Quail are also used to feed other animals held there.

STARLING ROOSTING BEHAVIOUR EXPERIMENT

A memo to the animal house was made informing them of a start of a behavioural experiment on starlings. Juvenile starlings were supplied from cherry orchards in Kent. Over 80 were gathered, even though only 40 were needed for the experiment. This they stated was because juvenile starlings suffer such a high mortality when brought into captivity. Reading University are also using starlings for research at Worpleson.

CAPTIVE BRENT GEESE

At present there are 9 captive dark bellied brent geese (a protected species) at Worpleson. they have tried to condition these birds to eat grass pellets in order to make further trials easier. However, they seem to have had considerable problems. Originally they caged the animals individually, but this had to be abandoned as the geese refused to eat in cages on their own or in groups. The cage size they were using

was 1.5m by 0.5m, so this is of little surprise. The geese subsequently declined in health.

A pathology report from the Central Veterinary Laboratory, Weybridge, Surrey, suggested that Worpleson should move the geese to pasture, feed extra food to improve their condition and worm them with a game bird wormer. This was after a goose had died due to starvation and secondary pneumonia. The bird had a broken left leg with a fly blown wound and had suffered severe muscle wastage. As a result, the geese are now held behind electrified fences and have had their wings clipped.

Geese are also being used in crop preference tests. They are kept in an experimental grazing plot, with the largest size of enclosure being 4.6m by 2.9m.

SCUTTLE EXPERIMENTS ON RABBITS

Dr I.R. Inglis was contracted by Fine Agro Chemicals LTD, Worcester, to carry out tests on wild rabbits for chemicals known as scuttles. Carrots were dipped in the different chemicals and offered to the individually caged animals at the same time, presumably to establish the least attractive. Fine Agro Chemicals were billed £898 for the trial.

RESEARCH ON CAPTIVE FOXES

It was revealed in documents taken, that the Central Science Laboratories has the responsibility to eradicate an outbreak of rabies in foxes. One of its branches, the Vertebrate Control Branch, based at MAFF's Tolworth Lab, has considerable involvement with the development of a suitable poison and formulated bait for the use in fox control, should an outbreak of rabies be confirmed.

There are presently 4 foxes at Worpleson (2 were rescued by the Animal Liberation Front last October) and all research is co-ordinated by John A. Woods, who is based at MAFF's badger Research Unit, Woodchester Park, Gloucestershire. All foxes have been held for a number of years in small pens and have been used for a series of trials.

Early trials were made to try to condition the foxes into eating 'burgers' made from Mechanically Recovered Meat (MRM) and gelatine to aid dosage recordings for future experiments. This proved difficult and a vixen, held in pen 6 and ear tagged 4248, had to be "discarded" due to her refusal to eat MRM burgers. They admitted in an internal memo that "it may not be humane to continue keeping her" though the fact that she would not eat the burgers meant she was not going to be of any use to them anyway. The burgers were supplemented by a diet of rats, rabbits, quail, mice etc.

One feed trial, conducted by the Vertebrate Control Section, was to establish whether foxes will eat MRM burgers dosed with iophenoxic acid. Another test was to see the foxes' reaction to MRM burgers when dosed with chemical markers or bio markers, which would eventually be used on wild foxes. The aim is that these markers would be given at the same time the foxes are vaccinated against rabies, should an outbreak occur, so that the fact that they have been vaccinated could be seen from blood samples if they are caught again.

Research on baiting foxes in urban areas is being carried out under contract by Bristol University. The branch leader, Dr L. M. Gosling, is also being helped by biochemists from MAFF's Tolworth lab. Home office requirements state that foxes must have a respite of 4 weeks after the last blood sample.

INTERNAL MAGAZINE "FOCUS"

A copy of FOCUS, the Central Science Laboratories internal magazine, was found which is aimed at its workers at Worpleson, Torry, Tolworth and Norwich. It contains articles about CSL's recent merger with the Food Science Laboratories. It also reported that CSL is also "investigating substantial resources in the relocation of a new lab in Yorkshire" and that they are planning to set up an "Ethical Committee" which "aims to ensure that relevant ethical issues particularly in the field of animal welfare and conservation" are discussed. There was also a cartoon in the

magazine showing a pigeon, a rat and a cockroach vivisecting MAFF workers!!?

LIBERATE OUR WILDLIFE

An internal memo, written a couple of years ago suggests that Worplesdon should increase its security to a 24 hr guard and sensor alarms around its 3 strong perimeter fences. Despite this, in October, 4 months before the ALIU inspection, the Animal Liberation Front broke in and rescued over 100 birds, including owls and 2 foxes, all of which were released back into the wild. The Animals (Scientific procedures) Act of 1986, states that one option for the "fate of animals at the end of the regulated procedure could be released back to the wild". There seems to be no evidence of this ever occurring without some help by outside sources.

ICAA

The International Coalition against Animal Abuse (ICAA) would like those readers who visit (or live in) any other countries to help the organisation by photographing animal abuse establishments, animal abuse itself, and make notes of the date and location. Please forward the information gathered to:

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Not Like That

I should make it clear at the beginning that I'm a green Anarchist and obviously anti-fascist. But it was disturbing to see in the S.G. newsletter that an alleged ALF activist was basically grassed on. Regardless of whether he's a fascist or not, saying that he was/is trying to get people involved in illegal acts is really stupid.

Can people like me expect some time in the future to be grassed on by some Stalinist or other ideological clique?

Obviously no-one wants to be associated with fascists trying to hijack green issues but the way to deal with it is not by grassing to the police/ARNI in the pages of the newsletter!

A concerned Reader

NOTE: The article this refers to was (we believe) 'More on McCullough' in the last issue. No information was printed that the police did not already know. Any further information on this subject would be best answered by the author of that article Nina Wilson c/o PO Box 148, Belfast, BT1 2LX.

National Watch

As this newsletter is being produced in time for the World Day demo organised by NAVS we would like to make it very clear that we would have liked very much to take part in the 'official' proceedings. Unfortunately NAVS did not see fit to respond to either of our two letters requesting a stall at the Westminster Halls after the demo. The first letter was sent well before Christmas and you would have thought with the amount of staff employed by NAVS they could have least had the courtesy to send us a letter of refusal. Or perhaps they do not want to try and justify why they feel we should not have a stall at the event!!

Needless to say we will be there on the day running a stall at the alternative venue and we hope to see you all there. All our merchandise will be on sale and you can have a chance to quiz us over what we do and why there are so many spelling mistakes in the newsletter (its the computers/printers fault, honest).

While we are talking about National societies and their failings the BUAV has started a new campaign against the use of Dartmoor ponies being sold on for vivisection. We have no problem with that but on the back of their glossy leaflet where the membership details used to be (remember them?), is a photo of a horse with a wound on its neck. The caption states that the injury was inflicted in a British lab which is 100% true. How do they know? Because this photo was taken during an ALF raid. We urge all members to ring the BUAV (071-700 4888) and ask why this was not mentioned, and does this mean they now recognise the good the ALF does?

World Vegan Day 1st November

The Vegan Society has designated 1 November as World Vegan Day, this is the date that the Vegan Society was established in 1944. This year will therefore see the society's 50th birthday.

The principal object of World Vegan Day is to heighten public awareness of the Vegan diet and its benefits for the environment, human health and animal welfare. It is hoped that Vegan individuals and groups will take the opportunity to initiate local and national events or actions to promote veganism.

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For a Change

Very often (too often, some would say), Arkangel and the ALF SG magazine seem full of comments from people who simply can't agree about how to tackle animal abuse. So, just for a change, I'd like to agree with someone, namely 'Carol, Chester'.

I think Mark Gold should be a vegetarian (at least), if he's to be taken seriously as a campaigner against vivisection. I thought John Bryant's comments on the occupation of the former BFSS's offices were deplorable. I think that the RSPCA's killing of 'unwanted' healthy animals stinks. I don't agree with BUAV's use of the '5 year rolling rule' as a definition of 'cruelty-free' (and therefore I wouldn't buy from the Body Shop). I think NAVS should allow those involved in direct action to have a voice on World Day. I think that its not just possible, its likely that those who benefit from a high paying job will compromise to keep the job. I don't like the way that some organisations seem more like businesses than charities or campaigning groups. I could go on (and on, and on..).

But then what? Is it best just to leave off supporting such organisations altogether, because some of them fail on some counts? Sometimes this is the only way - we left the National Trust because, after voting year after year for anti-hunting measures, and having the NT committee ignore the massive anti-hunting vote, we felt that they were beyond supporting. However, the RSPCA and BUAV, etc., do have a lot of good points in their favour - the BUAV first helped me to become aware of what goes on in labs, the RSPCA do go after badger baiters, etc. Is it best to try and influence these bodies from the inside, or to make the last

gesture of defiance and leave? What would happen to the animals if everybody did that?

We can't all go out superglueing locks or smashing windows (and I say 'can't, not WON'T, because we're not all young or able enough to do that - regrettably, some involved in animal rights are ageist and ablist, thus proving that even they're not perfect) - even if we were convinced that was the right thing to do. What forced me to accept my responsibility for the animal abuse carried on in my name, from the horrors of the lab to the horrors of the slaughterhouse, was INFORMATION; from BUAV to CIWF, from NAVS to the Vegetarian Society, what got me was the truth torture - the steady and eventually unignorable accumulation of facts. To echo a recent T.V. programme, I got to the point where I knew too much. I believe with all my heart that what was done for me can (and must) be done for others. If we all condemn these organisations because they fail on some counts or because some of the personnel are corrupt, who is going to convert all the other 'me's' out there?

There must be some reason why people like me come to Arkangel and ALF SG via organisations like BUAV and not direct. Like it or not, they get the support and the cash, and therefore the high profile, even if, as they say, it's the activists that get things done.

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Living without backstabbing

Part II

In the Summer 1993 SG Newsletter an article appeared under the heading "Living Without Backstabbing" which sought to highlight the hypocrisy of Animal Aid (alias Mark Gold) denying the ALF SG, ALF press office, Arkangel magazine, etc, stall space at their (his) exhibition merely because they (he) didn't agree with ALF/Arkangel policies and, frankly, because they (he) felt superior through being paid/running a national organisation/being perceived as "someone special"/ having their own magazine as a (censored to some) platform/not being answerable to anyone within the movement...or a combination of all those things.

In the Autumn 1993 issue the response from Molly Toff, "What is wrong with the Nationals?", widened the net to point the finger at other organisations which take a similar attitude.

Reading through the original article, sure I agreed with what it had to say. But I also agreed with Molly Toff (can you believe that name!?) that Animal Aid/Mark Gold isn't the only guilty party. Compassion in World Farming, British Union for the Abolition of vivisection, National Anti-Vivisection Society, League Against Cruel Sports...not to mention a fair smattering of their employees...are all equally guilty. Didn't I name the most guilty of them all, the RSPCA? Did I really need to?

To itemise what individuals and "their" societies have done to delay/jeopardise/deny animal liberation would take up the entire space of every SG newsletter for the foreseeable future so, with the SG's permission here goes with the first episode of a long, long series...

It was a difficult task to decide who to feature initially but, to make it easier, names were put in a hat and the first one out was the person who has referred to ALF activists as, among other things, "a tiny bunch of half-witted

terrorists undermining the work done by Animal Aid". Yes, you've guessed...Mark Gold!

Mr Gold, as you will be aware if you are an Animal Aid member, is quite obsessed with professor Colin Blakemore and will do almost anything to score points off him. So, when a raid on a French research laboratory revealed that it had links with the erstwhile "Kitten-blinding Colin" and that, allegedly, some experiments carried out at Lyons would have been unlawful in this country it was an opportunity that could have helped to expose and condemn the vivisection community as a whole.

But...Mr Gold's preoccupation with dear Colin led him to a different approach. Over 70% of page 5 in the Aug/Sep 1989 issue of Animal Aid's magazine "Outrage" was devoted to an article headed "Professor Blakemore and the French Connection". Detailing some of the experiments carried out at Lyons, Mark also used much information obtained in the raid by "Arch de Noe"...the French ALF.

Having, no doubt, proof-read a draft copy of the magazine for its accuracy, Mr Gold apparently failed to check a paste-up of the final layout and the ensuing story has been confirmed by several then-members of Animal Aid staff including now-ALF press officer Robin Webb.

When the 12,000 or so copies of "Outrage" were delivered to the Animal Aid offices for enveloping and mailing out the intrepid Mark discovered that one of the photographs used by the designers to illustrate the Blakemore article showed a person wearing...wait for it...a balaclava!

Not wishing to acknowledge where vital information against his archenemy had come from, Mr Gold returned the magazines to the printers

for pulping and had the lot reprinted using the same article but without the "offending" photograph.

Surely you either use information from a source you are prepared to recognise or you don't use the information? Not so with Mr Gold. It appears that he wants to be "one-up" on Professor Blakemore whilst not appreciating those in the front line. Come on, Mark, you can't have it both ways...did the French ALF do a good job on the raid or were you wrong to use information from "half-witted pseudo-terrorists"?

How much good would the money wasted pulping some 12,000 copies of "Outrage" have done the animals who are crying out for our help? Mr Gold, the pages of the ALF SG newsletter are open to you for an explanation. Is there one available? if not, how about reproducing this piece in the next "Outrage"?

If Mark Gold replies then his answer will appear in the next SG newsletter. Whether he replies or not please send **YOUR** stories about the hypocrisy of those who publicly condemn the activists who risk their freedom to: Jim Stark, c/o ALF SG BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

Meanwhile, Joyce D'Silva of Compassion in World Farming is scheduled for "Living Without Backstabbing: Part III." Watch this space!

JIM STARK

**When a stupid man does
something he is ashamed of,
he always declares it his
duty.**

*George Bernard Shaw
1856-1950*

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1977	Boris Barker	Jacquie Rabazo	Terry Helsby
Dave Hough	David Carre	Viv Smith	Michael Karhan
Mike Huskisson	Alan Cooper	Kenn Quayle	Jesse Keenan
Ronnie Lee	Nigel Couch	1988	Marianne MacDonald
Gary Treadwell	Beverely Cowley	Gari Allen	John Marnell
1978	John Curtin	George Bogojevic*	Allison McKeon
Sue Hough	Carl Egan	Sally Carr	Anthony Miller
Chris Morrissey	Giles Eldridge	Andrew Clarke	Val Mohammed
Aubrey Thomas	Shaun Ellis	Sean Crabtree	Sam Remington
Gary Treadwell	Alistair Fairweather	Neil Hanson	Clare Rush
Val Waters	Carl Garside	David John	Rik Scarce
1983	Keith Griffin	Robin Lane	Ed Shephard
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Randy Burrows	Mike Huskisson	Paul Scarse	Annette Tibbles
Brendan Delaney	Sally Levitt	Geoff Sheppard	Kim Trimiew
Peter Sales	Delia Lowick	1989	Max Watson
1984	Eric Marshall	Daniel Attwood	Matthew Welsh
Hilly Beavan	Mike McKrell	Colin Chatfield	1994
Shirley Clarke	Sally Miller	John Curtin	John Curtin
Julie Edwards	Lesley Phipps	Barry Horne	Diane Selvanayagam
Martin Gomez	Nancy Phipps	Garry Norris	Deborah Stout
Mike Hayes	Steven Rowe	Mark Power	Kim Trimiew
Mark Houghton*	Virginia Scholey	Simon Russell	
Brett Jackson	Debbie Smith	Michael Sahanahan	Informers not Imprisoned
Gus MacInnes	Nick Sweet	Hassen Sadelli	1984
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Steve Symonds	Henry Hutto	Fran Trutt	1989
1985	Jim Snook	Roger Yates	Melvyn Dallas
Sue Baker	Duncan Thorpe	1992	1991
Dave Babbington	Paul Watkins	Dave Blenkinsop	Diljit Binning
Gordon Bryant*	Julian Webster	Graeme Cambell	1993
Steve Burrows	1987	Neil Croucher	June Bailey
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